Tennessee’s Rank: 17<sup>th</sup> out of 51 States (including Washington D.C)

Tennessee’s Score: 54.73 out of 100 Points

**ABOUT KSI**

In the past ten years, 222 children have died from sports related injuries while participating in organized high school athletics. Some of the most common causes of death in sports are sudden cardiac arrest, exertional heat stroke, and traumatic head injury.

The Korey Stringer Institute is dedicated to preventing sudden death in sports. Recently KSI has published a study that ranked states by their health and safety policies according to best practices established by panels of experts in the field.

Our mission is to inform parents, coaches, and community members about the steps that Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) and Tennessee’s legislators have taken to protect athletes.

Ranks and Scores are accurate as of August 2019

Definitions:
AHCC (Appropriate Healthcare Coverage), EHS (Exertional Heat Stroke), EP (Emergency Preparedness), SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest), THI (Traumatic Head Injuries)
Emergency Action Plans are concrete written plans that reduce critical delays in care of catastrophic injuries.

Tennessee and Emergency Preparedness Policies

Tennessee scores the best in the nation in Sudden Cardiac Arrest with an incredible perfect score. In the remaining categories, Tennessee sits near the national average. Appropriate Healthcare Coverage and Emergency Preparedness fall significantly below.

Tennessee can benefit from improving Emergency Preparedness. By passing these policies, Tennessee can move from 17th to 5th according to current rankings!

Emergency Preparedness Policies

What Can You Do?
Reach out to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA). Make sure the officials responsible for student-athlete safety are using best practices.

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Policies Currently in Place for Tennessee

Policy 1E: Every school or organization that sponsors athletics should develop an EAP specifically for managing serious and/or potentially life-threatening sport-related injuries (athletics emergency action plan AEAP)
Policy 9E: AEAP should be reviewed and rehearsed annually by all parties involved

Possible Improvements for Tennessee

Policy 2E: The AEAP should be developed and coordinated with local EMS, school public safety officials, on site medical personnel or school medical staff, and school administrators
Policy 3E: Every school should distribute the AEAP to all athletics staff members
Policy 4E: The AEAP should be specific to each venue (including maps, directions, etc.)
Policy 5E: On-site emergency equipment that may be needed in an emergency situation should be listed
Policy 6E: The AEAP should identify personnel and their responsibilities to carry out the plan of action with a designated chain of command
Policy 7E: Appropriate contact information for EMS
Policy 8E: Plan should specify documentation actions that need to be taken post emergency
Policy 10E: Healthcare professionals who will provide medical coverage during games, practices, or other events should be included