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STATE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SAFETY POLICIES

Sport Safety Policies Ranking Archive

Sport Safety Policies Ranking Frequently Asked Questions

Preparing for an emergency should be the top priority for schools to ensure the safety of their athletes. Through the implementation of required policies and procedures, schools can be well prepared in the unfortunate event of a catastrophic injury.

At the Korey Stringer Institute, we have established a series of policies developed from best practice documents related to the top causes of sudden death in high school athletes. These policies are relevant to the best practices developed for the top causes of sudden death in sport. Based off the "Inter-Association Task Force Document Preventing Sudden Death in Secondary School Athletics [🔗](#)" document, the policies outlined on this website were evaluated directly from publicly available resources such as state high school associations and legislative websites.

Ranking of states regarding the implementation of evidence-based best practices for preventing and managing the leading causes of sudden death in secondary school athletics. State-Level Implementation of Health and Safety Policies to Prevent Sudden Death and Catastrophic Injuries Within Secondary School Athletics, the study which details the results, is published in *The Orthopedic Journal of Sports Medicine* .pdf . A full recording of the press conference announcing the results is available [🔗](#).

2019 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SAFETY POLICY RANKINGS

RANK	STATE	SCORE (%)
1	New Jersey	83.40
2	Massachusetts	79.4
3	North Carolina	79.38

4	Kentucky	71.13
5	Georgia	70.2
6	Oregon	66.59
7	Florida	62.45
8	Missouri	62.00
9	South Dakota	60.58
10	Washington	60.00
11	West Virginia	59.33
12	Wisconsin	59.13
12	Hawaii	59.13
14	Arkansas	56.83
15	New York	55.75
16	Mississippi	55.25
17	Tennessee	54.73
18	Utah	54.00
18	Arizona	54.00
20	Illinois	54
21	Virginia	53.4
22	Texas	52.8
23	District of Columbia	52.55
24	Alabama	49.7
25	Pennsylvania	49
26	New Mexico	48.08
27	Nebraska	47.75

28	Alaska	47.4
29	Maine	47.1
30	Vermont	47
30	Nevada	47
32	South Carolina	46.8
33	Rhode Island	46.73
34	Kansas	46.35
34	Delaware	46.35
36	Idaho	46
36	Indiana	46
38	Connecticut	44.80
39	Ohio	43.93
40	Maryland	42.63
41	New Hampshire	42
42	Louisiana	41.8
43	Oklahoma	41.3
44	Michigan	39.73
45	Minnesota	38.98
46	North Dakota	38
47	Iowa	37
47	Wyoming	37
49	Montana	33.25
50	California	30.8
51	Colorado	28

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