



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Heat index will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- The athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee will use the accuweather.com website to determine the heat index for the area of the contest/practice. The accuweather.com website can be reached through the NYSPHSAA website. Once a person is on the accuweather.com website, they will put in the zip code for the location of the contest/practice and the website will give them the air temperature as well as the RealFeel temperature (heat index).
- If the RealFeel temperature (heat index) is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the RealFeel (heat index) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the RealFeel (heat index) temperature is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

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| | RealFeel (Heat Index) under 79 degrees | Full activity. No restrictions |
| R E C O M M E N D E D | Heat Index Caution: RealFeel (Heat Index) 80 degrees to 85 degrees | Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. |
| | Heat Index Watch: RealFeel (Heat Index) 86 degrees to 90 degrees | Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). |
| | Heat Index Warning: RealFeel (Heat Index) 91 degrees to 95 degrees | Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when ReelFeel temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn. |
| REQUIRED | Heat Index Alert: RealFeel (Heat Index) 96 degrees or greater | No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned. |