LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

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122.2 SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

1. Authority
24 P.S.
Sec. 5331 et seq

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of students participating in the School's athletic activities. This policy has been developed to provide guidance for prevention and recognition of sudden cardiac arrest in students.

2. Definition
24 P.S.
Sec. 5332

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Athletic activity shall mean all of the following:

1. An athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with the School, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and sports activities (e.g. intramurals) sponsored by school-affiliated organizations (e.g. student government).

2. Practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for all athletic activities.

Sponsor shall mean any individual appointed by the School as a paid sponsor or an unpaid volunteer sponsor.

3. Delegation of Responsibility
24 P.S.
Sec. 5333

Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic activity, every student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and review of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet developed by the PA Department of Health and PA Department of Education.

4. Guidelines
24 P.S.
Sec. 5333

The School may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of each athletic activity for all competitors regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. In addition to the students, such meetings may include parents/guardians, sponsors, other appropriate school officials, physicians, pediatric cardiologists, and athletic trainers.

24 P.S.
Sec. 53333.

Removal From Play

A student who, as determined by a game official, sponsor, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician, or other official designated by the School, exhibits signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed by the sponsor from participation at that time.

Any student known to have exhibited signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest prior to or following an athletic activity shall be prevented from participating in athletic activities.

24 P.S.
Sec. 5333

Return To Play

Once a student has been removed or prevented from participating in athletic activities, the sponsor shall not return a student to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or cardiologist.

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Sec. 5333

Training

Once each school year, all sponsors shall annually, prior to sponsoring an athletic activity, complete the sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by the PA Department of Health. No individual shall sponsor an athletic activity prior to timely completing the training course.

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Sec. 5333

Penalties

A sponsor found in violation of the provisions of this policy related to removal from play and return to play shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. For a first violation, suspension from sponsoring any athletic activity for the remainder of the school year.

2. For a second violation, suspension from sponsoring any athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for the next school year.

3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from sponsoring any athletic activity.