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COLD WEATHER POLICY

Weather conditions are the responsibility of all stakeholders involved with student athletes. All should be aware of the potential dangers posed by weather conditions and work together to keep the players and spectators as safe as possible. Weather conditions will be monitored using warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service. In the event of sudden weather changes, together, the Athletics Supervisor in consultation with the Superintendent of Caddo Parish Public Schools will notify the Game Day Administrator of the need to implement cold weather procedures.

Article I. NOTIFICATION

Technology has greatly improved the monitoring capacity for all concerned. Cell phones can meet requirements to notify individuals in the event of inclement weather and the initiation of weather plans.

Article II. APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Players should be allowed to dress in appropriate clothing. Field conditions could be affected by freezing rain, sleet, and sometimes snow. The ground may become frozen and would therefore be deemed unsafe for play. Temperature means either still air or a wind chill index. The temperature and weather conditions will be checked frequently prior to and during the game to ensure that the conditions are appropriate for competition.

The following chart will govern athletes experiencing cold weather:

Wind Chill	Recommendations
46° and higher	No Change
45° and lower	Allowable Additional Clothing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Layered beneath uniform - for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>long sleeves</i> • <i>long pants</i> • <i>additional socks</i> 2. Gloves 3. Stocking caps without straps 4. Sweatpants or shirts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In the case of extremely cold weather, may be worn underneath the uniform, provided the entire team wears the same color sweats.</i> 5. Jackets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be worn under the uniform so that referees can see the player's number in the event of a card being issued. 6. Color <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All additional clothing must meet the guidelines for the color of uniforms.
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45° and lower	<p>Clothing NOT Allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooded sweatshirts (<i>Hoods and strings present possibility of being grabbed that result in a choking hazard</i>) • Earmuffs (<i>headbands OK</i>) due to plastic or metal parts crossing top of head presents potential hazard • Scarves (<i>Isadora Duncan Syndrome</i>) - the possibility of death from strangulation by a scarf was brought to the public's attention when the world-famous dancer <i>Isadora Duncan</i> died on September 14, 1929. The long scarf, which she was wearing, became caught in the wire wheels of her car. Isadora died at the scene and was later found to have sustained a fractured larynx and carotid artery injury.
33° to 29°	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only Varsity District games are to be played. 2. All Varsity District games are to have each half shortened by 10 minutes. 3. All Non-District Varsity and all JV games are to be suspended.
28° and lower	Suspend the games

Article III. Additional Responsibilities

- Players on the sidelines should remain dressed (if in warm-ups) until they enter the game.
- Players coming off should towel off (if sweaty) and get dressed quickly.
- No one should sit or lie directly on the ground. The heat is lost faster to the ground than to the air. Blankets and chairs are recommended.
- Keep hydrated with non-caffeinated beverages (i.e. water) – avoid caffeine (i.e. caffeine candy, caffeine supplements, etc.) and/or caffeinated drinks (i.e. energy drinks, sodas, etc.).
- Keep an eye on field conditions (i.e. wet, icy, etc.). Cold, wet conditions can quickly change the field from safe footing to slippery.
- Keep an eye on the goalie – this player usually gets coldest first, as he/she is not running or moving like the field players.
- **Prior to the start time of the game, if the temperature falls below 28°, the following person(s) will be contacted by the assigned person(s):**
 - Mr. Tisdale will contact School Athletic Directors and Mr. Mainiero
 - The Athletic office will contact Mr. Don Gibbs, CPSB Security.
 - After all the above individuals have been contacted, the following person(s) will be contacted by the assigned person(s):
 - Home Team Head Coach will contact the Referees, SPAR (Cargill), BPAR (Tinsley) and the concessionaries.
- Mr. Don Otis will contact Security personnel.

REMEMBER: The Caddo Parish Athletic Department views the safety and health of the players as its' top priority.