

**POLICY- SPORTS MEDICINE POLICY-
RECOMMENDED USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)**

Sec. 1) INTRODUCTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) School AED programs should be implemented under the supervision of an authorized health care provider (to include an MD (Medical Doctor), DO (Doctor of Osteopathy), PA (Physician Assistant), ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner), ATC (Certified Athletic Trainer); or LAT (Licensed Athletic Trainer), and select school staff personnel provided with proper training and certification;
- b) AEDs should be placed in easily accessible/public locations with adequate signage;
- c) All athletic trainers, coaches, administrators, school nurses and physical education teachers should have access to an AED on school property and at all school sanctioned athletic events/ activities;
- d) Schools sponsoring athletic events should have an AED on site or access to one within 3 minutes at each athletic venue for practices, games and other athletic events;
- e) All coaches and other selected staff members should be provided with training and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED use;
- f) The location of AEDs should be in well-marked, publicized places, and known among all staff;
- g) An AED should be retrieved and applied to any collapsed and unresponsive athlete or necessary individual while EMS is called and CPR started; and
- h) AEDs should be inspected frequently (according to manufacturer recommendations) to ensure proper working order, making sure batteries are charged, and wires and pads are in good condition.