

FHSAA Weather Safety Compliance Guide

Florida High School Athletic Association Requirements for 2025–26

Florida's Compliance Edge

Weatherstem is **already installed in all 67 Florida counties through the Florida Severe Weather Network**—meaning your district can plug directly into the state's most comprehensive weather safety system.

Key Requirements at a Glance

The **Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)** requires schools to implement safety measures across heat stress and lightning:

- **Heat Safety:**
 - WBGT monitoring is encouraged for all outdoor practices and games.
 - Hydration breaks and activity modifications are required when heat levels rise.
- **Lightning Safety:**
 - All outdoor activities must be **suspended immediately** when thunder is heard or lightning is seen.
 - The 30-minute rule applies—play cannot resume until 30 minutes after the last observed strike.
- **On-Site Measurement:**
 - FHSAA emphasizes real-time, on-site evaluation, not forecasts, for practice and game decisions.

Compliance Challenges for Schools

- Manual WBGT and wind chill checks are **time-consuming and inconsistent**
- Lightning delays are often **poorly documented**, creating liability concerns
- Staff are burdened with juggling **multiple policies across seasons**
- Without centralized tools, **records for audits and reviews are hard to track**

How Weatherstem Keeps You Compliant

- **Automated WBGT and wind chill monitoring** at your fields, not distant airports
- **Instant lightning detection + 30-minute countdown** timers sent directly to staff
- **Sub-second environmental data** and **time-stamped logs** for every event
- **Automated alerts & “all clears”** aligned with VHSL guidelines
- **Hands-off installation** and year-round maintenance—no burden on school staff
- **One platform for all hazards**—heat, lightning, and severe weather

Why Florida Schools Trust Weatherstem

Already powering the Florida Severe Weather Network across all 67 counties

Trusted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and leading universities

Configurable for heat + lightning + all hazards, not just WBGT

White-glove service and support to take the burden off your staff

Ready to Protect Students and Ensure Compliance?

Join districts across Florida already using Weatherstem to protect students and staff with real-time WBGT and lightning monitoring.

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