

VHSL Weather Safety Compliance Guide

Virginia High School League Requirements for 2025–26

Key Requirements at a Glance

The **Virginia High School League (VHSL)** requires districts to implement weather safety measures across multiple hazards, including **heat stress, lightning, and cold weather exposure**.

- **Heat Safety:** Schools must use WBGT (Wet Bulb Globe Temperature) when possible. 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 strike.
- **Cold Weather / Wind Chill:** Wind chill advisories require clothing and exposure modifications, and in extreme cases, cancellation of outdoor activity.
- **On-Site Measurement:** VHSL emphasizes that **forecasts are not enough**—real-time, on-site evaluation is required for safe 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 and 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, cold, lightning, and severe weather

Why districts choose Weatherstem

A turnkey solution that covers heat, cold, and lightning in one system

Reliable year-round support to match VHSL's all-season requirements

Transparent dashboards to keep parents and boards informed

Proven performance in schools, universities, and professional venues nationwide

Ready to Protect Students and Ensure Compliance?

Weatherstem makes VHSL compliance simple, reliable, and stress-free—so your district can focus on students, not systems.

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