

# Halton District School Board

## *Operational Policy*

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<b>NUMBER:</b>	<i>to be determined</i>
<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>Off-Campus Athletic Competitions</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>CROSS-REFERENCE:</b>	<b>Halton Elementary and Secondary Physical Education Safety Guidelines – Interschool Module</b>
<b>REVISION DATE:</b>	<b>As required</b>
<b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b>	<b>Superintendent of School Programs</b>

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

### **PROCEDURES:**

The following procedures are to be followed whenever athletic competitions (i.e. tournaments, track and field meets, cross-country meets etc.) are conducted off-campus. Please reference the *Elementary And Secondary Physical Education Safety Guidelines, Interschool Modules* for additional standards.

1. First aid coverage must be provided throughout the competition.
2. A communication link from the site to hospital, police, or school authorities must be available by telephone or a similar means, and arranged prior to the activity.
3. There must be a car or ambulance available on-site with a driver on-call to transport an injured athlete if medical attention is required.
4. If possible, the competition convenor (i.e., tournament) should be free of coaching duties in order to deal with emergencies.
5. To provide a safe environment for the competition, the coach/convenor must make a pre-activity check of the facilities (e.g., playing fields)
6. Game/match officials must be certified in the following sports: football, hockey, wrestling, rugby, field hockey, and lacrosse and certified or experienced in officiating the remaining higher risk sports.
7. Considerations must be given to weather conditions. In adverse conditions (e.g., lightning etc.) competition must be stopped or cancelled.