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Re: National Risk Management Training and Assessment for Interscholastic Athletics and After-school Activities, April 22 & 23, 2014

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) along with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) have been working with the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4) to develop a National Risk Management Training and Assessment Program for interscholastic athletics and after-school activities.

Connecticut, Mississippi and Indiana have been selected to pilot this risk management training course involving 30 school districts in each of the three states. The curriculum is focused on building capabilities pertaining to risk management for interscholastic athletics and after-school activities. The school district leadership team attending the training will learn the basic concepts relative to planning/preparedness, risk management, on-site incident management and evacuation planning. The expectation is that these leadership teams will return to their respective school districts and coordinate the development of a sports/after-school event security risk management system.

In order to build these capabilities, the participating school districts’ leadership teams should include the following four participants: superintendent or his/her designee, high school principal, athletic director and resource officer or local police representative. Priority will be given to the school districts with the intact leadership team.

The one-day training event will take place at The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. School districts may select either Tuesday, April 22 or Wednesday, April 23. There will be no charge for this training and we will provide lunch. Registration for the course will be open through April 4, 2014. The course will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit www.NCS4.com/highschool to register or contact Dr. Steve Miller at 601-266-6186 or at steven.g.miller@usm.edu.

The goal of the national risk management training and assessment is to build safer, more secure, and resilient high school interscholastic athletics and after-school activity programs. Please contact the CIAC if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation in improving the interscholastic athletic and after-school environment!