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TO: Coaches and Officials
FROM: Wayne Ryan, Assistant Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Skin Infection Awareness

It is the responsibility of coaches and officials to ensure that no athlete participates while suffering from a skin infection/communicable disease. The health and well-being of all participants must be a primary concern.

Please review The Mat Doc Skin Infection Pocket Reference (www.thematdoc.com). This reference guide helps personnel evaluate skin infections.

The Communicable Skin Disease Form is required for any athlete desiring to return to competition after having a communicable skin disease or is suspected of having a communicable skin disease or any other condition that makes participation appear inadvisable. This form must be completed in its entirety and signed by a physical before an official or coach allows an athlete to participate with a skin condition. This procedure refers to practice and all competition.

If there is any doubt or question regarding a skin condition, the athlete must be removed from practice/competition until cleared by a physician.

ATTENTION:

The mandatory WVSSAC Herpes Reporting Form is located on the WVSSAC website under Forms/Download Forms. A School is required to submit the form and verify that they have informed any school that they have competed against in the previous 8 days prior to diagnosis.

When in doubt, sit them out!