BEAT THE HEAT

Know the Signs of Heat-Related Illnesses

	SYM SYM	PTOMS	
THIRST & F MUSCLE SPASMS		TING & DEHYDRATIC	
Heat Cramps	Syncope	Exertional Heat Exhaustion	Exertional Heat Stroke
 Dehydration Thirst Sweating Muscle twitches Painful, involuntary muscle spasms Fatigue 	 Pale or sweaty skin Dizziness (vertigo) or light-headedness Tunnel vision Weakness Decreased or weak pulse Loss of consciousness 	 Rectal temperature below 105°F Irritability Fainting Dizziness Light-headedness Headache Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea Pale Chills Heavy sweating Decreased muscle coordination Weakness Fatigue Decreased urine output (dehydration) Decreased blood pressure Hyperventilation 	 Rectal temp. greater than 105°F Irrational behavior Unconsciousness Disorientation Dizziness Headache Confusion Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea Muscle cramps Loss of muscle function/balance Inability to walk Collapse Staggering Profuse sweating Decreasing performance Dehydration Rapid pulse Low blood pressure Quick breathing

TREATMENT

Heat Cramps	Syncope	Exertional Heat Exhaustion	Exertional Heat Stroke
 Rest Stretch the muscle Replace fluids and electrolytes 	 Move to shaded, cooler area Sit or lie down Monitor vital signs Elevate legs above heart Rehydrate with water or a sports beverage 	 Move the individual to a cool, shaded area Sit or lie down Remove excess clothing Elevate legs above heart Cool the individual with fans, rotating ice towels, or ice bags Provide oral fluids for rehydration Monitor vital signs 	 Immediately begin cooling via whole body ice water immersion (tub or tarp filled with ice and water) Call 911 Remove all equipment and excess clothing Monitor vital signs Cease cooling when rectal temperature reaches 101–102°F Transport to nearest hospital Do NOT transport until rectal temp is below 102°F

RETURN TO PLAY

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 Athlete rested Fluids & electrolytes replenished 	Symptoms resolvedAthlete fully rehydrated	 Medical clearance preferred Minimum 24-48 hours with no symptoms Gradually increase intensity 	 Requires a physician's clearance could take weeks or months







Information and resources are referenced from the Arkansas Activities Association and the Korey Stringer Institute.