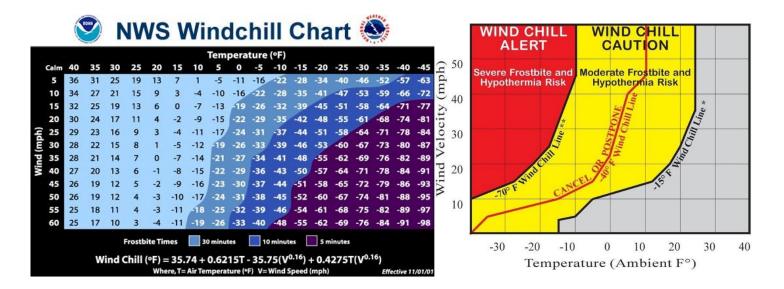


## MHSAA COMPETITION AND PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR COLD WEATHER



## **CANCEL OR POSTPONE:**

- Competition >1 minute duration at -4°F
- All Activity at -20°F for or at -40° Wind Chill

## **NOTES**

- -15°F or greater Wind Chill Exposed flesh can freeze in 1 minute
- -70°F or greater Wind Chill Exposed flesh can freeze in less than 30 seconds

## **CURRENT STANDARD FOR ALPINE SKIING**

- >-4 °F Ambient Temperature Check for frostbite on exposed skin.
- -4 °F to -10 °F Ambient Temperature Severe frostbite and hypothermia risk. No metal jewelry. Eye
  protection for frostbite. Windscreen for genitalia. Modify pre-race protocol to limit athletes' cold
  exposure to <30 minutes in duration total time.</li>
- < -10 °F Ambient Temperature or -40 °F wind chill Lower limit for practice and training. Extreme frostbite and hypothermia risk. No exposed skin. Attempt to reschedule event. If competition cannot be rescheduled, a no strip rule will be enforced with all competitors wearing extra layers that include a windshell for entire body. Modify pre-race protocol to limit athletes' cold exposure to <20 minutes in durationtotal time.</p>
- < -40 degrees F wind chill Postpone/cancel competition</li>