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Alabama High School Athletic Association Purchases Ten AEDs To Use at State Events

MONTGOMERY, Alabama – The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA), partnering with The National Center for Sports Safety and Cardiac Solutions, announced today that they have purchased ten portable Heartsine Samaritan PAD 360P Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to use at all state sponsored sporting events. The decision by Mr. Steve Savarese, Executive Director of AHSAA and the Central Board will mean that all student-athletes and spectators alike will have a safer sporting environment on the field and in the stands.

NCSS has been a long-standing partner of AHSAA providing sports safety certification through their PREPARE education to all AHSAA coaches statewide. When AHSAA made the decision that all staff members at state sponsored events would not only be trained in CPR and AED use, but equipped with a portable AED, they turned to NCSS and their partnership with major donor, Cardiac Solutions who immediately sprang into action. Cardiac Solutions not only provides the AED device, but fully designs, implements and maintains your AED program making them the only turn-key AED provider in the industry and the ideal fit for NCSS and AHSAA.

“We believe the collaborative team approach with NCSS and Cardiac Solutions is necessary for the safety of our players and fans and sets a precedent for shaping all high school sports safety protocols,” said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese. “No longer will we need to depend on the facility should sudden cardiac arrest occur, we will be well-equipped and educated to act quickly.” NCSS Executive Director Joseph Longoria added, “We are excited to be associated with AHSAA and Cardiac Solutions who share the belief that the youth sports community deserves the safest environment we can provide and that each organization and state athletic association has a critical role to protect our athletes and allow them to succeed in life beyond sports.”

Nearly all deaths and serious injuries that have long-term complications, such as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) can be avoided when proper steps are taken to prevent, recognize and treat the major medical conditions that a high school athlete or fan may experience during practices and competitions. To learn more about what you can do, visit The National Center for Sports Safety website www.sportssafety.org .