After fielding several phone calls, emails and text messages from coaches in Regions 2, 3, and 6, which raised concerns about the Killer B bench shirt potentially giving an unfair advantage, and after consulting with the THSPA officers, the THSPA has decided to suspend the use of this shirt until the Executive Committee can meet. In that meeting the Committee will be presented with complete information concerning the shirt, be able to view the shirt, test the shirt, and discuss the position of the THSPA in the future in regard to the use of this product. Part of the anecdotal information we have received includes the two internet representations below. The picture and video are not necessarily 100% clear, but seem to substantiate the concerns of a potential unfair advantage. Both of them look to have a second "ply" or layer of support from the arms across the chest. Mike Womack, the creator of the Killer B, has been informed of the decision of the THSPA. He will be meeting with the president of the association in the coming weeks, and has been invited to present his shirt at the next executive committee meeting on March 15, 2015. Until that meeting occurs, and the committee can make a determination on the use of the Killer B, the Killer B bench shirt will not be allowed in THSPA competition.

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jpkl9jVY1WM

http://shop.benchdaddy.com/Killer-B-Bench-Shirt-KBBPS-SP100.htm

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