



## Lightning Policy

If lightning is **visible** or the **Supervisors'** "Strike Alert" is indicating lightning within 6-12 miles, all game(s) on all field(s) will be suspended **immediately**.

All players, coaches, fans, umpires, and staff should take shelter immediately, preferably in their vehicle (do not leave until games have been cancelled).

Game officials will be responsible for identification of lightning and suspensions of the game(s).

Any Recreation Department staff or site supervisor, whenever in attendance, will have oversight and authority over game officials whenever safety is a concern.

If lightning begins, a thirty (30) minute delay will take effect.

At the conclusion of the thirty (30) minute delay, the game officials will determine whether or not to continue or cancel the game(s). Note: If lightning is still visible or the "Strike Alert" shows lightning within 6-12 miles, after the thirty (30) minute delay, the game(s) will be cancelled and rescheduled at another time.

Do not breach the 30 minute return-to-play rule due to blue skies or lack of rainfall. Lightning can strike up to (10) miles away from the rain shaft of a storm.

All spectators, players, coaches, and officials will be instructed to seek safer areas:

Unsafe Areas: Picnic shelters, light poles, flag poles, isolated trees, metal bleachers, metal fences, and dugouts are unsafe and should not be a place of resort.

Safe Areas: Large enclosed structures and fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows rolled up