

Lightning Policy

Anytime lightning is visible,
all players, coaches, fans and umpires should
Take Shelter Immediately!

Flash (Bang) Method – Count seconds between lightning flash and thunder and divide by 5 – this gives the distance of lightning in miles. If count is 30 seconds or less **Take Shelter Immediately!**

The Umpire and Site Supervisor should instruct all players, coaches and fans that danger is present and they should seek shelter immediately.

Safe places for shelter include, fully enclosed vehicles with windows up and enclosed buildings.

If adequate shelter is not available, an individual should lay low to ground.

Unsafe shelter areas include, all metallic objects like flag poles, fences, high mast light poles, metal bleachers, etc. Also should avoid water open fields, or using the telephone.

If you feel your hair standing on end or hear “crackling noises” you are in lightning’s electric field. Immediately remove metal objects (including baseball cap), place your feet together, duck your head and crouch down with hands on knees.

If anyone is struck by lightning, **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**. People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are okay to touch. Apply CPR immediately if you are qualified to do so. AED’s are available in the restroom of the main concession building/pressbox at each facility.

Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash before resuming activities.