

Appendix C

SEVERE WEATHER REQUIREMENTS

The Southeast Region Tournament Director may require the use of a Skyscan (type) Lightning Detector at each Regional site. This equipment (or other equipment such as Internet reports) would be used only as a resource guide by the Tournament Director or his designee to determine safe playing conditions.

The official rule is as follows – Proactive Planning:

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Umpires should suspend play and all participants and spectators should take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

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References:

- NFHS Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances [October 2010]
- NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook [Fourth Edition, 2011]