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LIGHTNING

Because of the seemingly random nature of thunderstorms and lightning, the Turner Recreation Commission cannot guarantee an individual or group absolute protection from lightning strikes. However, being aware of and following lightning safety guidelines can greatly reduce the risk of injury or death.

Turner Recreation Commission has purchased Sky-Scan lightening detectors to be used within the district. TRC Field Supervisors and staff receive accurate lightening information on their detectors that is accurate from 0-40 miles which enables them to make reasonable decisions regarding our participants.

In the advent that severe weather develops during a TRC event the following guidelines will apply:

- The TRC Field Supervisor will be in possession of a lightning detector and will be in direct contact with all necessary TRC personnel as to the status of the competition.
- If the lightning detector displays a reading of 0-3 or 3-8 miles and/or the head coach/sponsor and/or their designee sees lightning the competition is suspended immediately for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. Participants, coaches/sponsors, and spectators will be moved to the closest shelter. Any subsequent thunder, lightning, or readings of 0-3 and 3-8 miles after the beginning of the 30 minute count will reset the clock and another 30 minute count will begin.
- In cooperation with the appropriate personnel the field supervisor may cancel the event immediately or they may suspend the event for up to sixty (60) minutes, once the 60 minute mark has been passed the event is cancelled.
- Wyandotte County emergency weather alert scanners, located in each school, broadcast a message of severe thunderstorm warning or tornado warning.

It is the ultimate responsibility of the game official to suspend or discontinue play based on information from the field supervisor. Outdoor competitions will not start or continue if one of the following occurs:

- The TRC field supervisor and/or their designee will be in possession of a Sky-Scan lightning detector and will be in direct contact with the game official(s) as to the status of the competition.
- If the lightning detector displays a reading of 0-3 or 3-8 miles and/or the TRC field supervisor sees lightning the competition is suspended immediately for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. Participants, coaches/sponsors, officials, and spectators will be moved to the closest shelter. Any subsequent thunder, lightning, or readings of 0-3 and 3-8 miles after the beginning of the 30 minute count will reset the clock and another 30 minute count will begin.
- In cooperation with the official(s) the TRC supervisor may cancel the competition immediately or they may suspend the competition for up to sixty (60) minutes, once the 60 minute mark has been passed the competition is cancelled.