



Ohio High School Rule Differences 2014

Part 8

LIGHTNING SAFETY





OHSAA

- **ALL STORMS ARE DANGEROUS.....**
- **DEATH CAN LURK TEN MILES AWAY**
- **PERMANENT DISABILITIES OR DEATH**
- **DARK CLOUD BASES + INCREASING WIND**





SEE IT? HEAR IT? CLEAR IT !!

- **BLUE SKIES NO GUARANTY**
- **SEE IT? OR**
- **HEAR IT?.....THEN, IMMEDIATELY,**
- **CLEAR IT!**



ALWAYS ERR ON SIDE OF **SAFETY**

If **lightning detector** sounds the alarm before thunder is heard or lightning is seen

..... **suspend play immediately!!**



PRE-MATCH WEATHER

- **MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS**
- **AWARENESS OF POTENTIAL STORMS**
- **SCAN THE SKY**
- **HAVE ADMINISTRATOR ASSIST**
- **CLOSEST SAFE SHELTER POSTED & ANNOUNCED**



MORE ON LIGHTNING

- **HAIR STANDS ON END?**
- **SEE IT? HEAR IT? ► CLEAR IT!**
- **DO NOT WAIT FOR IT TO RAIN**





MANAGING A SUSPENSION

- **SEE IT? HEAR IT? ► CLEAR IT!**
- **STOP GAME AND CLEAR THE FIELD**
- **EVERYONE TO SAFE SHELTER
PLAYERS, COACHES,
SPECTATORS, REFEREE TEAM**



SAFE SHELTER

- **DON'T STAND IN AN OPEN AREA**
- **IF UNCERTAIN, GO TO CAR WITH HARD ROOF, NOT A CONVERTIBLE**
- **ROLL WINDOWS ALL THE WAY UP**
- **HANDS OFF OF ALL METAL**



SAFE SHELTER

- **NOT UNDER TREES OR TENTS**
- **NOT NEAR SOCCER GOALS**
- **NOT NEAR OR IN THE WATER**



HOW LONG DO WE WAIT?

30 MINUTES, MINIMUM

... BUT ...

**IF MORE THUNDER AND/OR
LIGHTNING:**

RESTART THE 30 MINUTES!



ALWAYS ERR ON SIDE OF SAFETY

IF a **lightning detector** has sounded an alarm, play cannot be resumed until:

1) The lightning detector sounds the “all clear”

.... AND ...

2) The last 30-minute “See It, Hear It” time has elapsed

WHICHEVER OCCURS LAST





ADVISING COACHES

- **FIND OUT WHERE THEY WILL BE**
- **KEEP THEM ADVISED**
- **LET BOTH KNOW**
- **RESTART?**



WEATHER REVIEW

- **SEE IT OR HEAR IT ⇒ CLEAR IT!**
- **SAFE SHELTER....EVERYONE**
- **DON'T MESS WITH BAD WEATHER**
- **30-MINUTE RULE OF LIFE**