



Mint Hill Athletic Association Lightning & Severe Weather Policy

MHAA uses WeatherSentry & DTN OnGuard Siren to alert to severe weather and lightning within the MHAA vicinity.

The detection system, sirens and beacon are located on top of the blue building.

When thunder roars, go indoors will be our motto. Should you hear thunder, immediately stop activities, and seek shelter. In the best of conditions, thunder can be heard from roughly 10 miles away, so if you hear thunder, it is safe to assume you are within striking range of lightning. Should you see lightning, immediately cease activities, and seek safe shelter.

All coaches at MHAA are REQUIRED to download the DTN weather app on their phone in the unlikely event the horn fails to alert. Please make sure notifications are on.

Our in-app lightning alerts are set up at 3 different intervals: 21-30 miles away (advisory), 11-20 miles away (caution), 0-10 miles away (warning).

When you receive a caution alert on the app, at the next stop in play, please notify the official(s) as well as the visiting coach that lightning has been detected in our caution area and to possibly expect a stoppage in play should the lightning reach our warning threshold.

It is recommended someone who is not the coach (parent, spouse, etc) be responsible for monitoring the DTN app if severe weather is a possibility. This will allow the coach to fully concentrate on coaching responsibilities.

Once lightning has been detected 0-10 miles away, the Siren should sound with one long blast, and the beacon should flash (which you may not be able to see) AS WELL AS the warning alert through the app.

Play should stop immediately, and all individuals should seek safe shelter. Safe shelter is any building normally occupied or used by people OR any vehicle with a hard metal roof with the windows closed (does not include a convertible or golf cart). Safe shelter does NOT include dugouts or shelters.

You will be able to see on the app the potential time to an "ALL CLEAR." This time can change depending on future lightning activity. Once all clear is given, the horn sounds 3 short blasts and the strobe stops flashing. You should also receive an "ALL CLEAR" alert on the app and activity may resume outdoors.