



KINO SPORTS COMPLEX LIGHTENING AND SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

• **SEVERE WEATHER POLICY:** Every sport/event has its own individual weather policies which are pre-determined by the event organizer and the game officials. Lighting and severe storm alerts will be monitored by Kino staff in conjunction with the event. Please note that severe weather may take a variety of forms including rain, lightening, wind, and dust. At the 10-mile radar mark, Kino staff will advise the event organizers of the approaching weather. On fields or stadiums where public address systems are available announcements will begin to be made. At the point when the storm is indicated to be 7 miles away (10 miles for south complex), Kino staff will give Event organizers a final warning to suspend play. If the officials/organizers continue with play at the 7-mile (10-mile south complex) mark, it will then become the Kino staff decision as to when play will be halted and the field vacated which will be dependent upon lightning or storm distance of no less than 5 miles, speed of storm, and field location from parking areas. The Kino staff on duty have the final decision on vacating the venue. **MAKE YOUR DECISION ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION WITH REGARD TO LIGHTNING AND SEVERE STORMS.**

Upon determination to vacate a venue all Kino staff are expected to cease work,

including field maintenance and seek shelter immediately until all clear. Entry gates will be locked until re-entry is allowed.

- Kino Staff may use several different weather apps for monitoring of storms and lightning. Weather Bug and Weather Channel are two of the more popular ones to view. Check to make sure that the information provided is current and up to date.
- In conjunction with weather apps Kino staff should be knowledgeable in how to measure storm distance. The following is consistent with what Pima County and City of Tucson swimming pools use as a measure of when to clear a swimming pool for inclement weather. The method is the counting of the seconds between observed lightning and associated thunder and dividing the count by the speed of sound which is 5 seconds per mile. See the lightning begin to count (1/1000, 2/1000...) until thunder is heard, total amount divided by 5 is the number of approximate miles of the approaching storm. For example, a count of 30 divided by 5 means the approaching storm is 6 miles away.
- The wait time after stopping activities and evacuating the site is 30 minutes from last lightning/thunder. Storms without thunder/lightening will be dependent upon the facility being ready for re-entry at the discretion of Kino staff on-site.