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## PREVENTION

### Postponement of All Outdoor Activity

Coaches and certain administrators (1) will be notified by the Perry Weather system via text alert or push notification when a confirmed lightning strike has been detected within 10 miles of the location.

Upon notification of a confirmed lightning strike: immediately discontinue outdoor participation and move all student athletes and other team members to a safe, fully enclosed, electrically grounded shelter (2 & 3).

Once 30 minutes has passed after the last confirmed lightning strike within the established monitoring area an "all clear" text alert or push notification will be sent from the Perry Weather system.

In the event that the Perry Weather System is unavailable or has malfunctioned, all outdoor activities will cease if lightning is seen or thunder is heard and all participants and coaches will move to a safe shelter.

- 1) Designated coach:  
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- 2) Designated shelter location - practice venue:  
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- 3) Designated shelter location - game venue (if different from practice):  
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## EMERGENCY ACTION

### Chain of events to take place in the event of a lightning strike victim

1. Make sure the scene is safe to treat the victims. Do not place yourself in harm if danger is imminent.
2. Activate EMS (or have someone else activate EMS if you are the one providing care).
3. Be prepared to treat people in cardiac arrest, have severe burns, shock, fractures, and other trauma.
  - o Use an Automatic External Defibrillator, if one is available, as well as other basic first aid materials.
4. Treat the victim that appears most severely injured first (if there is more than one victim). This victim is in the worst condition and timely care needs to be taken to maximize chances of survival.
  - o The basic principle of triage, "treat the living first" should be reversed in patients struck by lightning.
5. If needed and capable move the victim to a safe area for treatment

## PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SPECTATORS

In the event of impending thunderstorms, those in control of outdoor events should fulfill their obligation to warn participants and guests of the lightning danger.

### Impending Inclement Weather Announcement

"Ladies and gentlemen, weather radar has indicated severe weather is in the area and could possibly make its way to our location. We are monitoring this carefully. Should the severe weather hit within our monitoring area during play, the game will be suspended and fans will be asked to exit [facility name] and seek appropriate shelter."

### Inclement Weather Suspension Announcement

"Ladies and gentlemen, at this time please seek shelter in your vehicle immediately. Severe weather can be dangerous so we ask all fans to remain within appropriate shelter until the severe weather passes. We appreciate your understanding and please be safe."