NYSPHSAA
THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY
(Effective 10/25/04)
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Applies to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

1) Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.
   a) With your site administrator, set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any contest.

2) When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:
   a) Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).
   b) Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
   c) After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.

3) Following delay:
   a) Teams will be allowed 5 minutes to warm up.
   b) For each additional 30-minute delay, 10 minutes will be allowed for warm up, not to exceed 20 minutes.