



WEATHER POLICY - LIGHTNING

In the absence of technology to assist with weather evaluation, the games will be suspended when the *'flash to bang'* count for lightning is less than 30 seconds. To estimate the proximity of lightning from the location, if the delay between observing a lightning flash and hearing subsequent thunder is 30 seconds or less, or if dangerous looking thunder clouds are building overhead, the lightning safety action plan must be implemented without delay.

All participants, including players, game officials, bench officials, ball persons and others must go indoors at the earliest opportunity. Players to go their respective locker room or other safe shelter, and spectators instructed to proceed to their cars or designated adjacent buildings.

If it is subsequently possible to resume the game, then teams shall be allowed to warm-up on the field of play as follows:

- i) If the delay from leaving the field to re-entering the field is not more than 30 minutes, then a 10 minute warm-up will be allowed.
- ii) If the delay is more than 30 minutes, but not more than 60 minutes, then a 15 minute warm-up will be allowed.
- iii) If the delay is more than 60 minutes, then a 20 minute warm-up will be allowed. By mutual consent of both coaches, the above warm-up times may be shortened.

In the event of a match not being completed because of darkness, bad weather, or any circumstances whereby the head official thinks it inadvisable to continue playing, such uncompleted match shall be referred to ALA Director of Competition for adjudication of a result.

Refer FIL Men's Rule 30 and Women's Rules Appendix D