

AAA Lightning Guidelines

The following procedures will be put in place for lightning disturbances or other weather related issues:

Lightning Delay Procedures

- 1) Use the AAA Handbook/NFHS Rulebook as a guide to implement lightning delay procedures.
- 2) When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen or an approved lightning/storm detector indicates that lightning is within eight (8) miles of the venue, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
- 3) Adhere to the 30 minute rule before resuming play, regardless of the point of interruption.
- 4) Communicate with host school administration, visitor administration, and head coaches of both teams as conditions change.
- 5) Attempt to finish contest, if at all possible, once lightning disturbances subside.
- 6) It is ultimately the responsibility of the game officials in communication with the host site administration as to whether to suspend the contest or extend the delay additionally.