



Lightning Policy & Procedure

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	Lacrosse Competitions
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- This procedure is to be followed by all Clubs and Lacrosse SA

STEP BY STEP PROCEDURES

- Procedure for dealing with Lightning

Step	Description	Responsibility
1	The decision to suspend a game due to lightning and/or thunder will be made by the umpires and game officials on the field at the time of play. If two games are being played at the same time, the decision made on one field will be communicated to the other field and followed.	Referees/Umpires
2	The time of stoppage of play must be noted on the scoresheet.	Referees/Umpires
3	Teams will be evacuated to predetermined safe shelters.	ALL
4	Players may take the field no sooner than 30 minutes after the last visible lightning flash or sound of thunder. The decision to resume play will be made by the head on-field official in consultation with the Event Co-ordinator.	Referees/Umpires, Players, Coaches, Team Managers
5	NOTE: The following "Flash to Bang" method should be used to estimate the proximity of lightning from your 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.	Referees/Umpires
6	When lightning occurs, count the number of seconds until thunder is heard. Divide the number of seconds by 5 to determine how far the lightning is away from you. Example: If lightning is seen and 30 seconds elapses before thunder is heard, the lightning is 6 kilometres away, 30 divided by 5 = 6 kilometres.	Referees/Umpires

RESUMING PLAY FOLLOWING A GAME INTERRUPTION

If a game is stopped/interrupted due to severe weather, the remaining time in the game will be played as soon as possible; the score will resume from the point of interruption.

Following a game interruption, teams will be allowed to warm-up as follows:

- If the delay is not more than 30 minutes, a 10-minute warm-up will be allowed.
- If the delay is between 30 and 60 minutes, a 15-minute warm-up will be allowed.
- If the delay is more than 60 minutes, a 20-minute warm-up will be allowed.
- By mutual consent of both coaches, the above warm-up time may be shortened.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Should the Referee/Umpire at any time feel uncomfortable with the Match proceeding, they may call a break in play and postpone the Match to be played at another time to be set by Lacrosse SA.