

TOWN OF SOMERS THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY

1. All games and practices shall be immediately suspended upon the first sighting of lightning or hearing the first clap of thunder. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion – thunder is thunder and lightning is lightning.
2. Coaches/Managers/Umpires shall direct parents and players to clear the field and seek shelter immediately. No one shall attempt to wait the storm out on the field, under or near a tree, or in the dugouts (if applicable.)
3. After the initial observation of either thunder or lightning, a waiting period of no less than 30 minutes shall be adhered to before resuming play. Each time lightning is observed, or thunder heard after the initial observation the thirty-minute clock shall be re-set. Blue sky in the local area or a lack of rainfall is not adequate reasons to breach the thirty-minute return to play rule.
4. Due to safety concerns (lingering lightning/deteriorating field conditions) practices and games shall not resume if rain persists through the thirty-minute waiting period.
5. The Coach/Manager/Umpire must keep in mind the safety of the athletes and spectators. When in doubt cancel and reschedule.