



Lake View Athletics Thunder and Lightning Policy

Lake View Athletics recognizes that participant and spectator safety encompasses not just the contest on the field, but the conditions that the contest is played in.

Weather related events may necessitate the suspension and/or cancellation of contests (games). The Director on Duty (DOD) is responsible for the implementation of the following policy, approved by the Board of Directors of Lake View Athletics. The DOD may not delegate this responsibility to others and will make the decision based on the safety of players, umpires, referees, and spectators.

Thunder and/or Lightning are events that require all contests (games) to be suspended. In the event of thunder and/or lightning being observed or heard, all activities shall be suspended immediately. Players, umpires/referees, coaches, and spectators shall be advised over the Public Address System by the DOD to seek shelter immediately. The shelter may be the concession stand or a vehicle. The DOD will make the determination whether to resume and/or complete the contests with “full consideration to the safety, weather, and field conditions”. Consideration will not be given to just getting the games in.

Prior to Contests/Games:

If thunder and/or lightning are observed or heard at the fields 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the games, the DOD shall not permit the games to begin. Players, umpires/referees, coaches, and spectators on the fields will be directed to seek shelter at the concession stand or in their vehicles. Before the contests can begin, the area must be thunder and/or lightning free for a 20 minute period, to be determined by the DOD.

During the Contest/Games:

If thunder and/or lightning are observed during the playing of a contest, the DOD will immediately, via the Public Address System, stop all games for a 20 minute period, directing players, umpires/referees, coaches, and spectators to seek shelter at the concession stand or in their vehicles. Play will not resume until there has been a period of 20 minutes, determined by the DOD, in which a boom has not been heard.

Understanding that weather patterns change throughout the day (weekends), the DOD, in consultation with the President, shall make the determination if games scheduled later in the day shall be played.