

Inclement Weather Policy - Athletics

Phase 1 – Storm clouds in the area, possibility of inclement weather

Athletics: Staff will monitor weather and keep coaches, referees, and instructors up to date on potential inclement weather.

Operations: Athletics staff will be on the lookout for lightning in the area. Athletics Supervisors should monitor the weather radar and update staff at all athletics locations periodically on the storm movement.

Phase 2 – Lightning/Thunder in the area

Based on data from the lightning prediction and warning system, visual confirmation of lightning and/or audible confirmation of thunder by staff, and/or via local weather radar station

Operations: Inform guests that there is inclement weather in the area and that we will re-open or resume play as soon as the weather passes over.

Staff on Duty will immediately remove all patrons/players from the athletics fields, tennis courts, and driving range area.

Phase 3 – Lightning/Thunder detected in the immediate area

The lightning prediction and warning system sends an audible siren signaling lightning / thunder in the coverage area.

Tennis/Golf: Staff on Duty will cease renting tennis courts and selling buckets of golf balls to customers. Inform guests that there is inclement weather in the area and we will re-open as soon as the weather passes over.

Athletics: The Athletics SOD should clear the field of play and encourage guests to take shelter.

Suggested Shelters:

- Concession Stand
- Restrooms
- Pavilions
- Recreation Centers

Operations: Guests may stay in the facilities but cannot enter the playing areas. The Staff on Duty (SOD) should continue to monitor weather radar and report on the supposed duration, location, and intensity of the storm. Staff and/or instructors should inform patrons with regards to remaining in the park or relocating to the tennis/golf centers if required.

Absent an audible alert from the lightning prediction and warning system, the SOD/officials may also close the athletics area under weather conditions with visible lightning and audible thunder based on local weather forecasting and / or

information obtained from the Emergency Management Coordinator. Prior to closing, the SOD will confirm electrical activity in the immediate area through local radar, weather reporting, and local streaming data.

Once the hazard has subsided, an “all clear” signal of three horn blasts will sound. Staff will review radars to confirm there is no additional inclement weather moving into the area and notify staff that it is safe to resume scheduled activities. At this point, staff will move to Phase 5.

Phase 4 – Delay/Canceling play

If the lightning prediction and detection system continues to detect lightning in the immediate area for more than 30 minutes, staff may continue to close the athletics areas temporarily, or for the remainder of the day. This decision is made by the Athletics Supervisors or the SOD in consultation with the Director or designee. The decision is made based on radar observations, information from the lightning prediction and detection system, air and water temperature, and the local weather forecast for the remainder of the day.

Operations: Staff will begin closing duties.

Phase 5 – Resuming operations/play

The lightning system sounds an “all clear” of three horn blasts to indicate the immediate area is clear of electrical activity. Staff will review radars to confirm there is no additional inclement weather moving into the area and notify staff that it is safe to reopen the facility

Tennis/Golf: Begin regular operations and admitting patrons out to the courts/range.

Athletics: SOD/officials will inform coaches that play is safe to resume.

Operations: The lightning system will give an audible sound of three horn blasts to indicate the immediate area is clear of electrical activity. Staff will ensure that the park is clean, free of debris in all areas of play.

Cold/Heat Policy:

Cold: If the temperature drops below 38 degrees (wind chill or actual) athletic games will be canceled, and the tennis/golf facilities will close.

Heat: In times of extreme heat, SOD/officials may cancel games in regards to player safety.