



TAMPA BAY UNITED SOCCER CLUB LIGHTNING POLICY BY CAMPUS

Ed Radice Park

- A TBU Staff Member will be in charge of the facility – if staff member clears the field based on the lightning detection protocols in place, all members **MUST IMMEDIATELY** clear the fields to a safe, covered area or inside of their car
- Ed Radice Park is equipped with the Thor Guard Lightning System. If the Horn sounds (one long sound), then it is unsafe to be on the fields and **ALL** TBU players, parents, and staff **MUST** evacuate the field of play and go into an enclosed building (i.e office, garage, concession) or inside of their vehicle. If the light on top of the TBU office is flashing, then the horn has sounded and it is unsafe to be on the fields.
- The area in front of the concession stand, the picnic areas, and the covered turf are **NOT** areas that are allowed and they are not areas that are safe from lightning strikes. Seek shelter!
- The **Weatherbug** app should be downloaded by all TBU staff and monitored if there is inclement weather in the area. In addition to Weatherbug, all TBU staff should also download **My Lightning Tracker** app to receive alerts from that system in regards to lightning in the surrounding area with a radius of 15 miles for notification alerts.
- If a TBU Staff member feels the area is unsafe, then he or she should clear the fields regardless if the Thor Guard system has sounded or not. Safety is our first concern with inclement weather!
- When the area is clear, the Thor Guard system will sound 3 consecutive horns and then it is safe to return to the field of play.

Waters Ave, Monroe Middle School

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- If lightning is 10.0 miles or closer, the fields should be evacuated and players, parents, and staff sent to a safe area. Weatherbug displays the distance of lightning on its app and the My Lightning Tracker app will send notifications in regards to lightning within the designated radius.
- An air horn or whistle will be sounded by the Staff member in charge of that facility or a staff member will communicate to each coach that it is unsafe and to evacuate the fields
- ALL TBU players, parents, and staff must evacuate the field of play and go into an enclosed building or vehicle
- If TBU staff member feels the area is unsafe, then he or she should clear the fields immediately, regardless of what the Weatherbug app shows.
- The Decision to evacuate the field of play during a match is made by the certified referee, although safety is always our number one priority!

All Palm Harbor Locations: Putnam Park, Palm Field, Sunderman Complex and The Centre Field

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- Putnam Park, Palm, Sunderman, and The Centre are equipped with the Earth Networks Lightning Detectors. If the Horn sounds (one long sound), then it is unsafe to be on the fields and ALL TBU players, parents, and staff MUST evacuate the field of play and go into an enclosed building (i.e office, concession) or inside of their vehicle.
- The provided link (<http://csapalmharbor.org/parks-facilities/rainout-info/lightning-safety/>) has the active countdown timer for when the lightning will clear. It is linked to the horns and can be accessed from any device that has data or wifi.
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- If a TBU Staff member feels the area is unsafe, then he or she should clear the fields regardless if the Earth Networks Lightning Detectors has sounded or not. Safety is our first concern with inclement weather!
- When the area is clear, the Earth Networks Lightning Detectors will sound 3 consecutive horns and then it is safe to return to the field of play.