



Bear Community,

I wanted to share Mountain View Athletic Association's severe weather policy. Our number one concern is the safety of the entire MVAA family. Severe weather can happen almost any time so we all need to be ready to react quickly. While MVAA has a state of the art lightening detection system, it only predicts lightening, not rain, hail or wind and nothing can replace good judgment and common sense. If you see incoming weather, let a sports board member or coach know and take appropriate action. If a board member or coach asks that you to clear the fields, please do so in a quick and orderly fashion. It is their discretion, and that of umpires conducting games, to postpone/cancel events.

With the threat of lightening and its ability to strike from 10 miles away, even while the sun is shining, we have installed the Thorguard Lightning Prediction System:

- When the system detects the threat of a lightening strike near the park, you will be alerted by one loud horn blast that will last **15 seconds**. A strobe light will also activate and remain active while under a weather alert.
- Upon hearing the horns and/or seeing the strobe light active, EVERYONE MUST CLEAR ALL PLAYING FIELDS. All players and any parents or spectators MUST go to their vehicles.
 - Do NOT gather under any pavilions, including the concession stands.
 - If a parent is not available, the head coach will be responsible for ensuring players leave the playing fields.
 - Please do NOT gather outside the fences of the fields. Lightning can travel for up to 10 miles, even if it appears to be clear skies.
- If you are arriving at the park and see the strobe light on that means the system has activated – please remain in your vehicle.
- ALL players and parents should remain in their vehicles until the all clear has been given. The Thorguard system will determine when conditions are safe to return to your previous activities. Three (3) 5-second blasts will indicate that everything is all clear and the strobe light will cease operation.
- Horns and strobe lights are located on the roof of the Baseball/Softball concession stand and should be visible from all athletic fields.

Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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