

B.B.S.A. Lightning Detection System Procedures

Rule #1

To help ensure the safety for all players in the BBSA we have made a change to the safety procedures that we follow, these changes are in addition to the Lightning detection system. **The BBSA WILL NOW FOLLOW IHSA LIGHTNING RULES! IF THE UMPIRE SEES LIGHTNING, THE GAME WILL BE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED AND SUSPENDED FOR 15 MINUTES, REGARDLESS IF THE LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM GOES OFF OR NOT. THE UMPIRE WILL RESUME THE GAME 15 MINUTES FROM THE LAST SIGHT OF LIGHTNING. IF PLAYING AT A PARK WITH MULTIPLE FIELDS AND AN UMPIRE STOPS A GAME DUE TO VISUALLY SEEING LIGHTNING, THE UMPIRE WILL GO AND INFORM THE OTHER UMPIRES ON OTHER FIELDS TO STOP PLAY AS WELL.**

Rule #2 is in place for general knowledge and for teams holding practice.

The “Warning” signal is a solid tone approximately 15-20 seconds in length. This tone indicates an actual lightning strike to ground has occurred within a 10-mile radius. You should leave the playing field immediately & seek appropriate shelter when you hear this signal.

The system will continue to monitor the lightning and after 15 minutes of no lightning activity in that 10-mile area the “All Clear” signal will sound. You may resume play only after hearing the “All Clear” signal which is an alternating high/ low tone also 15-20 seconds in length.

During your practice, if anyone see’s lightning—stop your practice **immediately and follow rule #1. This system has been installed for your protection. You being knowledgeable about the varying signals and your diligence in informing your team and parents about them will determine the success of the system. Thank you for your attention and compliance with these warnings.**

Thank you & let’s have a safe baseball and softball season!