

Northfield Little League – Lightning Policy

Effective 6/8/2009

1. Clear the field immediately at the first sound of thunder. A thunderstorm can cast lightning up to 10 miles from the edge of the storm, or about as far as the sound thunder can carry.

WHAT TO DO:

- Go to an enclosed building, if one is nearby
- Go to cars, with windows rolled up, if no enclosed building is available
- Complete a check of the facility for anyone still outdoors

WHAT NOT TO DO:

- Don't allow players to remain in dugouts or spectators to stay in stands
- Don't carry metal items (like bats) or walk beside metal fences
- Don't go to an open-sided shelter; it is not adequate and should not be used

2. Wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike/peal of thunder before returning to play

3.. Do not leave facility until directed; wait at designated location(s) at field until the game is postponed or cancelled

- **Make sure all players are accounted for and leaving with approved person(s)**

For most leagues, 10 miles is the point when lightning is too close and fields are evacuated. This gives everyone time to move to a safe place according to your plan, without risk or panic.

Suggested Designated Safety Areas:

Baseball:

- Major – Car or if no car is available in announcers booth
- Minor – Car or if no car is available in announcers booth
- Farm – Car
- Tee-ball – Tan Snack Bar meeting Room or Garage

Softball

- Major - Tan Snack Bar meeting Room or Garage
- Minor - Tan Snack Bar meeting Room or Garage
- Tee-ball - Tan Snack Bar meeting Room or Garage