



CHSAA SMAC Alert



Lightning Policy

WEATHER APPS

The CHSAA strongly recommends that an independent and objectively verified weather app be available at all outdoor activities.

Acceptable Weather Apps

- WeatherBug® Spark™ App
- Storm by Weather Underground
- National Weather Service App

Acceptable Alternatives

- Immediate contact with local weather services
- Local television or radio
- Access via internet, cell phone, etc.

PROACTIVE PLANNING

In your venue-specific emergency action plan (VEAP), you must:

1. Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during activities
2. Develop an evacuation plan.
3. When lightning is indicated to be within **8-10 miles**, the venue (small or large) needs to be evacuated.
4. Implement the Thirty Minute Rule as noted in the NFHS policy.
5. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel.

A PERSON STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

- People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to be touched by others.
- Call 911
- CPR is safe for the first responder (move injured person to a safe location if possible).
- Activate local emergency management system and utilize an AED if available.

For complete CHSAA Lightning Policy information, please visit:

<https://chsaanow.com/sports-medicine/>