WOJFC Inclement Weather Policy:

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning:

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.

2. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:

> **a. A 30-second or less flash-to-bang count calls for removal of the athletes from the field to an appropriate shelter.**
>
> **b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming play.**

3. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.

4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Guidelines for Lightning Safety" contained in the NHFS Sports Medicine Handbook, which can be obtained by calling 800-776-3462.

PLEASE NOTE:

Any rainouts on Saturday will be moved to Sunday. If Sunday's games are rained out, they will simply be cancelled and not made up during the week unless we are in tournament time. ALL SUNDAY GAMES BEGIN WITH A "DAY" SCHEDULE, BEGINNING AT 10:00am, FINISHING WITH THE 6TH GRADE GAME AT 4:00pm.