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INCLEMENT WEATHER & LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event that a thunderstorm is in the area, the following safety measures must be taken. These are in affect for all outdoor activities including practices, games, and program activities. Lightning is a very unpredictable event and is quite capable of striking anywhere and at any time throughout an active cell. Failure to follow these protocols could result in catastrophic consequences.

Park and Facility Process:

Criteria for suspension of play:

- When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately (vehicle, building). Vacating to dugouts or bleachers during weather delays will be prohibited.

Criteria for resumption of play:

- 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
- Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

Severe Weather:

- Tornado watch - will be automatic cancellation of any outdoor activities.
- Thunderstorm watch - proceed with caution on all outdoor activities unless noted.