



## Special Events Weather Policy

Our inclement weather policy is that once it is determined by staff that there are safety issues that would require cancelling a program, we will do the following to inform participants:

- 1) Call or email all the coaches so that they may contact each member of their team
- 2) Update the website [www.ccpard.com](http://www.ccpard.com).
- 3) Update <https://www.facebook.com/coveparksandrec> .

If a game is cancelled, we will make every effort to reschedule and make up the game if at all possible

Practice/ Game Schedule- During the time of games and or practice, staff will determine if the fields are unsafe.

**\*\*During the time of a Tornado Warning or Watch all games or practice will be cancelled.\*\***

If thunder and/or lightning are present shelter must be taken for a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of the interruption before considering the resumption of play.

1. If thunder and/or lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor activity 30 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that activity, the official/coaches and the responsible school authorities shall not permit the contest to begin on that date until the inclement weather has cleared or the conditions become playable.
2. If thunder and/or lightning is observed during the playing of the outdoor activity, the official/coaches shall immediately cease play for a minimum of 30 minutes, have all participants and spectators seek \*appropriate shelter and then re-evaluate the situation.
3. Any subsequent thunder and/or lightning after the beginning of the 30 minute count shall reset the clock and another 30 minute count shall begin.

\*Appropriate shelter is defined as any sturdy, fully enclosed, substantial building that has plumbing and/or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure.

Examples of locations routinely used that DO NOT meet the criteria for an appropriate shelter include:

- Baseball/softball dugouts;
- Baseball/softball "covered" batting cages;
- Outside storage sheds; and/or
- Canopy/awning/tent/trees.

- In the absence of a sturdy, fully enclosed shelter, a secondary structure such as a fully enclosed vehicle with a hard metal roof, rubber tire, and completely closed windows can provide a measure of safety. Convertibles, soft-top vehicles and golf carts do not provide a high level of protection and cannot be considered safe from lightning.
- Persons should avoid taking showers and using plumbing facilities (including indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpools, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs) and land-line telephones during a thunderstorm.
- If no safe structure or location is within a reasonable distance, personnel should find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by taller trees, or a dry ditch. Everyone should assume a lightning-safe position: a crouched position on the ground with the feet together, weight on the balls of the feet, head lowered and ears covered. Minimize the body's surface area contact with the ground. Do not lie flat!