

W.C. East High School



Lightning Rules

Although the occurrence of injury due to lightning is rare, the National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) estimate that 100 fatalities and 400-500 injuries requiring medical treatment occur from lightning strikes every year. Blue sky and the absences of rain are no protection from lightning. Lightning can, and *does*, strike as far as 10 mile away from the center of the storm. It does not have to be raining for lightning to strike.

Rules: (per the NATA Position Statement 2012, “When thunder is herd or lightning Seen, people should vacate to a previously identified safe location.)

Lightning necessitates the contests and practices be suspended. The occurrence of lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion. Lightning is lightning, and if there is thunder, there is lightning.

There should be a plan for shelter prior to any play. If bad weather is expected during your parasitic or game, discuss the plan before the game or practice begins.

When lightning is expected or is nearby, before your practice or event, the following procedures should be adhered to:

- A. Suspend play and direct participants to go to shelter: a building or if a building is unavailable, participants should get inside a vehicle with a metal top (e.g. bus van car).
- B. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree. Have all people stand away from poles, antennas, towers.
- C. After lightning has left the area, wait 30 minutes after the last strike before resuming play.
- D. If lightning continues after 30 minutes and play is not resumed, the rules of that particular sport shall determine whether the contest is official or must be resumed at a later date.

Lightning Evacuation Plan

ALL PLAYERS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE VISITING TEAMS, MUST REMOVE CLEATS BEFORE ENTERING THE BUILDINGS.

Price Farm Fields

ALL athletes must exit the fields, under the supervision of the coaches, and quickly proceed to the locker rooms in the field house. All spectators must exist the field and go to their cars or the front entrance of Fugett Middle school.

Stadium & Fields 226, 227, 228

ALL athletes must exit the playing surface and track area under the supervision the coaches, and proceed into the “football locker room/field house”, fans proceed to the “Sports Entrance” of East High School or the front entrance of Fugett Middle School.

East High School Fields, 221 &222

ALL athletes must exit the fields, under the supervision of the coaches, and quickly proceed to the nearest building entrance. (Sports Entrance)