



## Somers Youth Sports Organization Lightning and Thunder Policy

### **Somers Youth Sports Organization**

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1. All games (including scrimmages) and practices shall be immediately suspended upon the first sighting of lightning or hearing the first clap of thunder. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion – thunder is thunder and lightning is lightning.
2. Coaches shall direct parents and players to clear the field and seek shelter immediately. No one shall attempt to wait the storm out on the field, under or near a tree, or in the dugouts (if applicable.)
3. After the initial observation of either thunder or lightning, a waiting period of no less than 30 minutes shall be adhered to before resuming play. Each time lightning is observed or thunder heard after the initial observation the 30 minute clock shall be re-set. Blue sky in the local area or a lack of rainfall are not adequate reasons to breach the 30 minute return to play rule.
4. Due to safety concerns (lingering lightning/deteriorating field conditions) practices and games (including scrimmages) shall not resume if rain persists through the thirty minute waiting period.
5. The coach must keep in mind the safety of the athletes and spectators. When in doubt cancel and reschedule the activity.

This policy is identical to the Town of Somers Parks and Recreation and the Somers Central School District policies on the subject.

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