



Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances

1. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike with lightning. Play will be suspended immediately. (The most ideal safe structure is a fully enclosed, substantial building with plumbing, electrical wiring and telephone service. A fully enclosed automobile with a hard metal roof and rolled up windows is also a reasonable choice.)
2. Once the decision is made to suspend play a blow horn will sound to signify that EVERYONE should disperse and seek shelter immediately.
3. **Thirty Minute Rule** Once play has been suspended, we will wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed before resuming play. (Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another count will begin.)

Official Procedures for Games Delayed by Lightning or Thunder

- **Shetland**
 - Games stopped while in progress will not be resumed
 - If at least 1 inning has been played, no make-up date will be scheduled.
- **Rookie/Pinto/Mustang**
 - For games stopped while in progress, clock will NOT continue to run. Games may resume upon "all clear" and play out until clock expires OR at least 3 full innings have been completed. This WILL be considered a completed game.
 - No new inning past the third inning will begin after official clock has expired.
 - For games delayed PRIOR to start, if delay lasts longer than 30 minutes, game will be cancelled and rescheduled for a different date.
 - NO games will start later than 9 PM
- **Bronco/Pony**
 - For games stopped while in progress, clock will NOT continue to run. Games may resume upon "all clear" and play out until clock expires OR at least 4 innings have been completed. This WILL be considered a completed game.
 - No new inning past the fourth inning will begin after official clock has expired.
 - For games delayed PRIOR to start, if delay lasts longer than 60 minutes, game will be cancelled and rescheduled for a different date.
 - No games will start later than 10 PM.

*League commissioners will have the final say in all games played and delayed, as to when and/or how to resume.