

WYSA Lightning Policy

WYSA has developed this Lightning Policy for WYSA recreational and WYSA developmental coaches, Valley Revolution coaches, Club Directors, team managers, team officials and referees to follow to ensure player safety during storms exhibiting thunder and/or lightning.

If you can hear thunder, you are at risk of being struck by lightning. Therefore, if WYSA and VR coaches, team managers, team officials or club directors are outdoors at a WYSA or VR sanctioned functions, hear thunder or see lightning, play/activities will be immediately stopped and WYSA/VR representatives will move players to an indoor location. If indoor facilities are not available, WYSA representatives and players shall seek shelter inside passenger vehicles such as cars and pickups. Players shall be placed with their own parents vehicles first if present first, then with a team coach or WYSA representative if the parent is not available. When in vehicles avoid touching metal parts of the vehicle, as the tires of the vehicle do not provide adequate grounding from a lightning strike.

During a thunderstorm:

- Don't be afraid to speak out and stop all outdoor activities.
- Immediately move to a building or vehicle.
- Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area.
- Stay away from isolated all trees, towers or utility poles.
- Stay away from standing water, high areas, very low areas and streams, and metal structures (e.g., fences).

WYSA play/activity can resume **30 minutes** following the final observance of thunder and/or lightning.