

## Timberline Little League Lightning Policy/Procedure

Upon the first 5 mile reading on the Electronic Lightning Indicator, or upon the sound of 1 long blast from the air horn which indicates the requirement of immediate clearance of **ALL** fields. Everyone **MUST** clear the fields and take immediate shelter (dugouts are not considered adequate shelter).

Following the long blast from the air horn announcers on the Majors Field will read the following statement over the PA system.

- **“Timberline Little League request all players, coaches and spectators vacate the playing fields IMMEDIATELY. Please seek shelter in a permanent building or vehicle (not the dugouts) as we wait for the current storm to clear. Please stay clear from all trees, towers, and utility poles. Lightning tends to strike taller objects. Please stay away from metal bleachers, backstops, and fences. Lightning can travel long distances through metal. Please DO NOT return to the playing fields until the ALL CLEAR indication is given verbally by a league official or by the sound of 2 long blasts on the air horn. Thank you for your cooperation!”**

Do not indicate the resumption of play until 20 minutes after zero reading in the 5 mile range on the Electronic Lightning Indicator. If a reading of 5 miles occurs during the 20 minutes, the **clock starts over!**

The umpiring crew on each field can and should stop play if they feel the playing conditions are unsafe and do not have to wait for the official horn to stop play. **If one field's umpires stop play then all fields must stop play!**

Be patient in resuming play. There is nothing more important than the safety of those participating on the fields from players to coaches to parents and grandparents.

This procedure could cause lengthy delays but we must remember **SAFETY is our #1 priority**. Please give every effort to wait out the delay in order to conclude games when possible. Please do not call games after only a few minutes!

Again, 2 long blasts from the air horn or verbal communication from a league official is required to resume play!

If after the horn sounds and the announcer reads this procedure aloud and the teams continue to play the managers will (1) verbal warning by any league official or Umpire to exit the field and take cover. If play continues the manager(s) will be suspended for one (1) game.

No matter what procedures are used by other leagues, when on our fields we

**“NEVER JEOPARDIZE ANYONES SAFETY.....PERIOD!**

