

LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER RULE BOOK GUIDELINES:

Here are important guidelines, as stated in the Little League International Rule Book, on how to deal with lightning and inclement weather:

Lightning can strike over 10 miles away from a thunderstorm, so action needs to be taken before inclement weather arrives.

If you hear thunder or observe threatening skies, immediate action is required! It is not safe to be outside when lightning is in the area. Dugouts and pavilions do not provide safe cover during thunderstorms. Never seek shelter under bleachers or in a shed.

When lightning threatens, seek safety in a sturdy building or a vehicle.

Weather experts recommend waiting at least 30 minutes after the thunder and lightning end to resume a game.

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Any threat of inclement weather will be monitored, using the storm tracker app, by a volunteer at the Lewes complex. The umpires will be kept informed of a storm's severity and location.

Games will be stopped when lightning is 6 to 10 miles away. Games may be stopped if the forecast is for thunderstorms and the sky looks threatening. The umpires have the authority to stop the game at any time.

Players, coaches, umpires and spectators must leave the field and take shelter in a building or vehicle. Dugouts are not safe shelters during a storm. No place outside is safe when lightning is in the area.

If thunder is heard, the umpires will stop the game immediately. Thunder is an indication lightning could be imminent.

Once a game is stopped, it will not resume for at least 30 minutes following the last lightning sighting or sound of thunder. The volunteer monitoring the storm will inform the umpire of its location. It is the umpire's discretion as to when to restart the game.

These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of everyone at the Lewes Little League complex, in the event of threatening or severe weather.

More information regarding Little League guidelines for lightning and storms can be found in the Little League Rule Book, Appendix A – Lightning Safety Guidelines.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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