



Lightning Evacuation Policy

Scope

This policy applies to all individuals using athletic fields at the College.

Purpose

To protect students and visitors using the athletic fields and to ensure their safety in the event of a thunderstorm.

Process

1. The Head/Assistant Athletic Trainer or Campus Security Officer will notify all coaches/individuals as to when to halt practice or game activity and seek shelter in a safe location.
2. The NCAA "flash to bang" method will be used to determine when to halt practice or game activity and move to a safe location. The time for the flash to bang method as per the NCAA handbook is 30 seconds, anything within 30 seconds means that all players and spectators should be off the field and in a safe location.
3. The Head/Assistant Athletic Trainer or Campus Security Officer will notify all coaches/individuals when it is safe to resume play. As per the NCAA recommendations, it will be 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or clap of thunder.
4. Safe locations for each field are:

Soccer stadium, softball and the Quad fields	go to the Quads Common or Thompson Gym
Old baseball, turf, and Brinser fields	go to the Thompson Gym
Tennis	go to Founders Hall
Cross Country and distance runners	find a safe structure (i.e. any building normally occupied or frequently used by people). If no structure is available, follow the guidelines provided to the coach by the NCAA.
Track and field	go to Thompson Gym
Baseball	go to Hackman Apartments

Responsibilities

1. Head/Assistant Athletic Trainer or Campus Security
 - a. Notify coaches when to halt practice or game activity
 - b. Notify coaches when it is safe to resume practice or game activity

Evaluation

The Safety Committee shall be responsible for evaluating this policy annually.

Document History

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