

Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Dept.

Inclement Weather & Lightning Safety

Tallahassee Parks and Recreation currently uses the AccuWeather SkyGuard System. This system provides staff with lightning advisories and warnings via text or email message based on a given park or facility location. Full-time athletic supervisors will receive an email and/or text with information regarding a potential storm. The athletic supervisors will alert park supervisors of one of two messages received: Lightning Advisory and Lightning Warning. During games onsite park supervisors will inform their coaches of any advisories or warnings.

Lightning Advisory = Lightning conditions exist within 15 miles of the park or facility location. Play may continue until a warning is received.

Lightning Warning = Lightning conditions exist within 8 miles of the park or facility location. All players, coaches and officials must clear the playing field. Anyone onsite at the park or facility location is encouraged to seek appropriate shelter. Play will resume when the warning expires.

During practices or when a park supervisor is not onsite, coaches will be responsible for determining whether play should be suspended. Please be aware of weather conditions. Use common sense and good judgment and make safety a priority! Lack of rainfall is not an adequate indicator for suspending play.

If you see it (lightning), flee it! If you hear it (thunder), clear it!

Ultimately, players, coaches and spectators are responsible for their safety. If participants feel they are in danger from inclement weather or impending lightning, they have the right to leave the park or facility location in order to seek shelter, without fear of repercussion or penalty.