SCAA follows National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Lightning Guidelines for general health & safety.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Lightning Safety Policy is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and games based on the presence of lightning.

**Proactive Planning**  
Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.

**Actions**

* When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning
* Suspend play and take shelter to vehicles immediately
* Thirty-minute rule applies. Once practice or game play is suspended, wait 30 minutes from the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play
* Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count resets the clock and another 30-minute count begins

**Follow-up**

SCAA to hold periodic reviews and training for appropriate personnel.