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THUNDER/LIGHTNING POLICY

Applied to regular season through NYSPHSAA Finals:

- A. If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s) 15 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official(s) and the responsible school authorities shall not permit that contest to be played on that date.

- B. If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s) during the playing of the contest, the official(s) shall immediately cease play for the day. The rules of the particular sport shall determine whether the contest is "official" or must be resumed at a later date. Each official at the site shall be paid the full game fee.

- C. During Section Championships and NYSPHSAA Qualifiers, the Section will follow the NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy under the direction of the Executive Director, Sports Chair or designee.