

Byron Youth Soccer Association



Severe Storms Guidelines

Severe storms can produce high winds, heavy rain, hail, lightning, thunder and/or tornados. If a severe storm approaches the playing area, the safety of the players is the number one priority of coaches and referees and may require that the game or practice be suspended while shelter is sought. In the event activity is suspended, ALL participants MUST clear the field immediately and move into their cars or seek other permanent shelter.

Lightning and Thunder

Lightning is the second leading cause of storm-related deaths (flooding is first). If a person can hear thunder, or see lightning, the danger is already present. A clear, sunny sky overhead with storm clouds nearby can still be dangerous.

Coaches should adhere to the following:

- If lightning is within five miles, with or without hearing thunder, the game(s) or practice(s) should be suspended, and shelter sought. It may not be possible to determine which lightning strike generated which roll of thunder, so follow this simple rule: If you can see it or hear it, clear it!
- BYSA requires that participants seek immediate shelter in their automobiles or a designated severe weather shelter, if there is one nearby. Do not stay in open, unprotected areas.
- Activities should not be restarted for at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is seen or roll of thunder is heard.