

**POLICY- SPORTS MEDICINE - SEVERE WEATHER/  
LIGHTNING POLICY FOR ACTIONS BY OFFICIALS AT  
OUTDOOR EVENTS**

Sec. 1) LIGHTNING POLICY

- a) The Referee (Lead Official/Crew Chief) shall stop play in a contest or scrimmage at the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning at the site and ensure adherence to this policy.
- b) If severe weather is of great length or intensity, the Referee (Lead Official/Crew Chief) shall work cooperatively with home contest administration on decisions related to the resumption of play. Contest officials are encouraged to learn the weather forecast prior to contest time and to work cooperatively with home contest administration prior to making weather-related decisions. Safety of the public and participants is the most important factor in any decision of this type.
- c) The Referee (Lead Official/Crew Chief) shall work cooperatively with home contest administration on decisions related to the KMA Heat Illness Plan. Final authority for this decision rests within home contest administration.