



MPS HOTSPUR

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Unless you hear otherwise we will typically hold to our training schedule, even in rain. If there is a training change (field status is updated by Mclean around 3:00pm each day) it will be distributed by email as soon as we know the field status - it will also be distributed on the OneCall system. We will typically only cancel training if there is thunder and/or lightning, according to the official McLean policy below. If the fields are closed but the temperature and conditions are suitable to play we will move to tennis courts (usually in Lewinsville park) or another space that is open. If we are training and we get thunder/lightning and can not continue training we will get the players to shelter and will use the onecall system to notify the families.

Thunder/Lightning

The McLean field policy document stipulates that “If thunder and lightning is seen or heard you must vacate the field area and wait for 30 minutes without thunder or lightning before using the field. Do not wait under a tree; they are a lightning rod during storms.”

In the event that we are caught out in thunderstorms we will proceed as follows:

- ❖ If lightning is seen (or thunder is heard) we will vacate the field for 30 minutes
- ❖ Players will go to available automobiles for shelter until training can resume or their parents arrive
- ❖ Players that are unable to find vehicles will be held in structures outlined below until training resumes or parents arrive – NOT under or around trees and NOT in baseball dugouts
- ❖ Onecall and emails will be sent out if it is determined that training will not continue

Our Commonly Used Fields: In the event of thunderstorms players whose parents (or another car) are not available will be congregated at the below location:

- Lewinsville Park – Lewinsville House (Porch of the house near the tennis courts)
- Springhill Rec Center – Inside the rec center, if closed then in the entrance to the building
- Springhill Elem – Inside the main entrance to the school
- Police Field – In the police station
- CapitalOne – In the concrete bathroom structure