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The following will identify sites within the Township of Evesham that are equipped with lightning detector systems:

Country Farms, Evesboro Downs, Hockey Rinks, Kessler Field, Memorial Complex, Savitch Field, and Willow Ridge

In the event of hazardous weather conditions the following should take place at the above sites:

A. A Hi-Lo Horn will sound for approximately 30 seconds indicating hazardous conditions within a five-ten mile radius. At such time, appropriate action by MRC coaches, coordinators, etc must be taken to vacate the field of play **immediately**.

B. In addition, a white strobe light will be flashing throughout the entire period indicating danger is present. This strobe light will continue to flash for thirty (30) minutes past the last detected strike.

C. Finally, when the hazardous weather has cleared, a Hi-Lo Horn will sound at which time the MRC coaches, coordinators etc can resume play depending on field conditions at that time.

The following should be so noted:

1. The lightning detector system measures actual ground strikes.
2. Do not rely on silence to mean there are no hazardous conditions present.
3. If weather conditions or common sense tells you that conditions are hazardous take appropriate actions to ensure the participants safety. If you can hear thunder you can be struck by lightning. Be especially vigilant at locations (in and out of town) that do not have a lightning detection system available.

4. THIS SYSTEM IS NOT AN ABSOLUTE PROTECTION AGAINST HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

5. Non-Compliance by MRC Coaches, Coordinators, etc of the aforementioned will result in a one (1) year suspension from all sports and privileges associated with the MRC while serving said suspension.

EXCEPTIONS – There are no exceptions.

REASON – This policy is intended to ensure the safety and well-being for all participants during MRC

activities if hazardous weather is in the area.

ADDENDUM #1 -- This policy was reworded to fit within the new Policy Guidelines on 12-17-2009.

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