

Pop Warner



Little Panthers

## LIGHTNING PROCEDURES

### **Guidelines on Handling Practices, Games and Other Functions During Lightning Disturbances**

The following is the League procedure for situations when thunder and/or lightning are present and is to be followed by all coaches and adults involved in the Little Panthers' League.

**Any violation of this procedure by coaches and/or other adults will result in the immediate suspension of all coaches and/or adults involved who did not respond as required by the procedure.**

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during football games and practices.
2. **When lightning is seen or thunder is heard, participants are to be removed immediately from the field to an appropriate shelter.**
3. **Once play or practice has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming play or practice.**
4. For any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and begin another 30-minute count.
5. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
6. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

Refer to the "Guidelines on Lightning Safety" which is included in the "Game Day Manual" that each athletic director should receive just prior to the first week of the season.

Parts of this procedure are from the National High School Football Federation Rule Book and from Carolinas' Healthcare.