

# *Centex Storm Soccer Club*

## Lightning / Severe Weather Policy

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During periods of severe weather, weather forecasts should be followed closely. The field marshal will monitor with the hand-held lightning detector when thunderstorms approach within 25 miles of the game field.

### **“Clear The Fields”**

The following results in a “Clear the Fields” order.

- ◆ The hand-held lightning detector indicates lightning within a 3-mile radius.

If the electronic device is not in operation, any of the following also results in “Clear the Fields”:

- ◆ The sound of thunder, followed by lightning within 10 seconds of the visible flash.
- ◆ Any cloud to ground strike within two miles of the field.
- ◆ Thunder is heard within a two-mile radius regardless of the presence of lightning.
- ◆ Visible lightning, in whatever form within a two-mile radius of the field.
- ◆ A tornado/severe thunderstorm warning (not a watch) for the soccer field area.

Either the field marshal or a referee may order “Clear the Fields.” Everyone must leave the pitch and go immediately to their vehicle. Avoid rain shelters, sun shelters, trees, metal fences, and light poles. Everyone should remain in their vehicle until instructed by game officials to resume activities.

### **Practice Policy**

Coaches are required to terminate practice if lightning is visible or suspected within five miles of the practice field. The coach should insure all players are picked up before leaving the location.