

NYSPHSAA/RH
THUNDER & LIGHTNING POLICY

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1) Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning. (Any coach or site supervisor who has seen lightning or heard any thunder will notify the officials to suspend the game.)

a) **At R-H, the main shelter is the gym lobby and/or gym**, depending on the amount of spectators and participants in the event. The gym will be used for larger crowds.

2) When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:

- a) Suspend play and direct participants to go to the gym. In the event the gym is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, or car).
- b) Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers and underground watering systems.
- c) After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait **30 minutes** after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.