

**Clifton Park Soccer Club
Thunder and Lightning
Emergency Plan**

In accordance with the policies of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association as well as that of the United States Soccer Federation, the Clifton Park Soccer Club will adhere to the following policy as it relates to Thunder and Lightning and/or the occurrence of severe weather:

- 1) Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests and practices be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion – thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.
- 2) When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:
 - a. Suspend play for a minimum of 30 minutes and direct participants to go to shelter; a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).
 - b. Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all people stay away from bleachers, light poles, antennas, towers and any underground watering systems. At the Clifton Commons, the pavilion is NOT an acceptable form of shelter. Everyone must evacuate either to the clubhouse building, storage garage or to their cars. Absolutely no one is allowed to remain on the fields or under the pavilion during severe weather.
 - c. At the Shenendehowa campus, appropriate shelter may not be available. Therefore, everyone must evacuate to their vehicles.
 - d. 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. If thunder and/or lightning are heard and/or seen again, the clock re-starts at 30 minutes.