

ECPR

Elbert County Parks and Recreation SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

ECPR has adopted the following policy to define the steps to be followed in the event of severe weather that could pose a threat to participants, members of the public and staff during recreational activities.

FIELD SUPERVISORS are identified as “Weather Monitors” for each event or game and will follow the procedures listed below when an alarm is received on the Lighting/Storm Detection Equipment. Field Supervisors are trained in the use of the Skyscan Lightning/Storm Detection Equipment.

The following actions will occur when the detector indicates storm distance by sounding an audible alarm, as well as lighting up the severe storm indicator lights:

*20-40 Miles- Field Supervisor will closely monitor storm detection equipment and monitor current weather conditions.

*8-20 Miles- Field Supervisor will put game officials and league officials on alert that a storm is approaching the area and will continue to monitor the storm detection equipment and weather conditions.

*3-8 Miles- Field Supervisor will notify game officials and league officials to **CEASE ALL ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY** for a 20 minute delay. Field Supervisor will advise all participants, spectators and staff to seek cover immediately away from the field in a nearby building or vehicle to wait for the **ALL CLEAR** or for the game to be called off.

After the 20 minute delay, the Field Supervisor will continue to monitor the storm detection equipment advising the game officials and league officials of the **ALL CLEAR** when the detection equipment no longer indicates a storm within the 3-8 mile range.

Normal play may resume if the fields are not too hazardous or too wet to play on. Field Supervisor will continue to monitor the detection equipment and weather conditions.

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