

New England Babe Ruth Leagues

Lightning Safety Policy

It shall be the policy of New England Babe Ruth Leagues, its officials and its chartered leagues to adhere to the following during Regional Tournament games. These are not guidelines. They are proven safety measures.

If you see lightning or hear thunder

Get off the field

Tell the tournament director who will have the plate umpire immediately stop the game and remove **everyone** from the ballfield and dugouts.

Seek shelter

Go to a fully enclosed building or a fully enclosed vehicle with a hard metal top, windows up. Do not remain outside.

Be patient

Remain sheltered until at least 30 minutes after the **last** lightning and/or thunder.

While sheltered

- Stay away from windows and doors
- Stay away from plumbing and electrical

It is recommended that state organizations and local leagues adopt this policy.

If thunder roars, get indoors!

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Preparation for Safe Tournament

The tournament director, assistant tournament director, host chairperson and Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) shall meet to familiarize everyone with this policy.

The host chairperson shall designate the shelter building(s).

Umpires, Teams and visiting officials shall be briefed on this policy.

This policy is based on the documents referenced below. It is brief, crisp and to the point so that game related emotion and deadlines do not cloud good judgment.

References

<http://www.baberuthleague.org/media/78661/Lightning%20Policy.pdf>

<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/lightning/sports.shtml>

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