

A word about Lightning and Thunder

Hi Coaches, families and players,

Since I will not always be in the Bridgetown area on Saturday's, I want to give you some guidelines about the weather. You certainly should not take the field if it is lightning and thundering. If the storm is near the area, but it is not occurring in Bridgetown, it is best to go to the field, but stay in your vehicle in the parking lot until you are sure it is safe to play. If the storm is over or has passed us by and you can still get in at least the last 20-30 minutes or so, then go ahead and play your game. If it looks like it will be around longer, then you should cancel. **I know this is a tough call, so always error on the side of safety.** We never want kids and families out on the field if it is still lightning and thundering, even if it is off in the distance. After a safe amount of time goes by (20 minutes is a good amount of time) and there is **no new** lightning and thunder, then it is fine to take the field. If more lightning and thunder occurs, then the 20 minute wait time should start again.

If it is just a light rain and there is no lightning or thunder in the area, go ahead and play. If anyone is not comfortable playing in a light rain, just tell your coach you will not be there that day.

Hopefully this will be our last weather problem this season. If we only have this one instance, then we will not make up any weeks or games. If we have more weeks with this problem, we will consider adding on to the end of the season.

Best regards,

Joe