

APPENDIX C
COLONIAL LEAGUE THUNDER AND/OR LIGHTNING POLICY
(Amended Fall 2018)

(Note: The mechanical malfunctioning of lights for an evening contest shall be treated in the same manner as thunder and/or lightning-caused delays.)

If thunder is heard or lightning is visible anywhere from the field of play or bleachers at any outdoor contest, the following action(s) will be taken:

1. Administrator/Game Manager in charge will direct game officials to delay the contest for at least thirty (30) minutes.
 - a. Administrator/ Game Manager will direct game officials to the nearest indoor shelter or to their team busses. (Dugouts are not a safe shelter while lightning is present.)
 - b. Administrator/Game Manager will direct fans to vacate the bleachers and seek shelter.
2. Reassessment of thunder and/or lightning conditions shall be made by the administrator/game manager and head official at two (2) thirty (30) minute intervals up to a one (1) hour delay. ***
3. If thunder and/or lightning persists after one (1) hour delay, the contest will be deemed suspended unless the administrator/game manager and the head coaches from both teams agree that continuing to delay would be in the best interest of the student-athletes involved. The administrator/game manager and the head coaches shall determine the maximum amount of time to delay before the game is deemed suspended.
4. If the contest is deemed suspended due to thunder and/or lightning or any event beyond the control of the administrator/game manager in charge, the following National Federation/USTA/USGA/PIAA rules shall apply:
 - a. **Football & Basketball** –the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption on the rescheduled date, unless the teams involved agree to terminate the game with the existing score.
 - b. **Soccer & Field Hockey** –Suspended game. Re-start at point of suspension if less than one half is played. If more than one-half is played and if a winner is determined, it is an official game and the result stands. If a winner cannot be determined, it is an official game, and by mutual agreement of the schools the game is terminated and the result stands or the game is resumed from the point of suspension.

- i. **Field Hockey Playoff** –if a playoff game is interrupted at any time during the contest, the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption on the rescheduled date. If the interruption occurs after the completion of the first half, by mutual agreement of the coaches, the game can be considered complete.
- c. **Cross Country** – any race that has not been completed, the entire race must be rerun on the rescheduled date.
- d. **Tennis** –the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption on the rescheduled date.
- e. **Golf** – the contest shall be continued from the last completed hole on the rescheduled date.
- f. **Wrestling** –the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption on the rescheduled date.
- g. **Baseball & Softball** –if interrupted after 5 complete innings or if the home team has scored a greater number of runs than the visiting team has scored in 4 1/2 innings, the game is considered complete. If less than 5 complete innings have been completed, the game shall be continued from the point of interruption on the rescheduled date.
 - i. ***** After a thirty (30) minute delay, the umpire can suspend or call the game.**
- h. **Track & Field** –the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption. All trials and marks, up until the point of interruption shall stand.