



## Elite Tournaments Lightning Protocol 2018

### **Weather Statement:**

Elite Tournaments monitors weekend weather very closely for each tournament. The following situations are protocols that will be implemented in the case of lightning:

#### **Game Has Not Kicked Off**

- If the delay does not allow you to complete 20 minutes of the game to make it official, the game will not kickoff and will result in a 0-0 tie.

#### **Game Has Kicked Off**

- If your game had begun and the first 20 minutes have been completed, then the score will stand.
- If a game is suspended due to a lightning delay and the game has not reached the 20 minute mark, the game clock will continue to run. Play will resume in accordance with the remaining time left on the running clock. Games will only resume if moving forward completes the necessary 20 minutes of game time. Warm up time will be at the referee's discretion but will still be subject to the running clock.

**Safety Protocol:** In case of lightning, all play on fields must be stopped and players, coaches, spectators and referees must clear the playing surface and in the parking lot at minimum. Games will only be allowed to resume after 30 minutes have passed since the last lightning strike in the 10-mile radius.

*\*This policy is subject to adjustment if there are additional clear and present options approved by the client and/or tournament committee.*

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