

# Hempfield Fall Classic

## Tournament Lightning/Inclement Weather Procedures

Please continuously check our website for updates. This will be used to communicate weather related issues.

Monitor weather for adverse conditions like lightning.

i. Use the *Flash to Bang Method*: for each 5 second count from flash to bang, lightning is one mile

away (ex: F-B of ten = 2 miles)

Anytime lightning is visible, **play will be suspended**. All players, coaches, fans, and referees should take shelter

immediately in the following:

ii. Fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows up.

iii. Enclosed buildings. (available only at Landisville Middle School and East Petersburg Elementary School) Use extra caution at sites where no enclosed building is available.

iv. The low ground – seek cover in clumps of bushes.

v. AVOID metallic objects, trees, water, open fields, or using telephones.

vi. Wait at least 30 minutes after last lightning flash before resuming activities. The referees will determine if it

is safe to resume play.

vii. If anyone is struck by lightning, call 911 immediately. Notify a field marshal immediately if you call 911.

## Tournament Detected Lightning/Inclement Weather Procedures

In the event lightning or dangerous weather is detected, Referees will issue a command for everyone to depart to your vehicles. This will

be initiated through the sound of an air horn blast to inform referees, teams and patrons to immediately abandon their match and go

to their vehicles. The Club requires that all fields be cleared; teams DO NOT have an option to remain on the field – everyone MUST

immediately go to and remain in their vehicles and wait for the signal to return to their match.

Tents will also be cleared and all

tournament staff is to move to vehicles.

- Teams will be notified by air horn and through the visible return of referees to the fields that it is okay to return to the fields and resume play.

- The following air horn blasts will be used to notify referees, teams and guests to either (a) clear the fields and wait in their vehicles or (b) return to the fields and resume play.

- **One long blast** from the air horns means to clear the field.

- **Two or Three short blasts** from air horns mean that players and parents can return to the fields and resume play.

Please see tournament rules for more on weather.