

## **Lightning Policy**

If there is a threat of a thunderstorm, the Albright College Sports Medicine Staff will meet with head coaches of both teams and all officials prior to the start of the game to discuss the following lightning policy:

MAC lightning policy allows an hour storm delay with a 30 minute storm clearance period and 15 minutes to warm up. Therefore, a game is to be in a delay for no more than an hour and 45 minutes.

Example: Lightning strikes at 6 p.m. Therefore, if lightning strikes after 7 p.m., the game is canceled and cannot be resumed. Example: Lightning strikes at 6 p.m. Last flash of lightning is seen at 6:15 p.m. At this point, the storm clearance would begin with the warm up starting at 6:45 p.m. This means that the game can resume at 7 p.m., as long as there are no more flashes of lightning.

The MAC understands that occasionally lightning can be seen without associated thunder. Therefore, Sports Medicine Staff will utilize a digital weather monitoring system to determine if the flash is within or outside of an eight-mile radius. If lightning occurs outside of the eight-mile radius, play resumes. If lightning is within the eight-mile radius, play will stop and the 30 minute storm clearance period will begin. At that time, athletes, coaches, fans, and officials are to seek shelter as detailed in the evacuation plan (the event manager will have a copy of the evacuation plan).

NOTE: There may be additional sport-specific restrictions that could impact delayed games (coaches and officials must refer to the sport playing rules).

Teams, fans, and officials are to seek shelter in accordance with directions provided by the public address announcer and/or Albright Athletics Events Managers.

