

Suggested Protocol for Lightning Safety in KASSAA Events

- 1. If you are a coach or staff moderator of a KASSAA outdoor sport, you are strongly encouraged to keep yourself informed about Lightning Safety. (See *Lightning Facts* for some important tips).**
- 2. Choose a designated safe shelter before your season begins so that you will be prepared for an emergency situation. (This should be the closest shelter to your field) .**
- 3. Each game day check the weather for possible inclement conditions. (Suggested sources : The Weather Network; Environment Canada website; <http://www.intellicast.com> put in Watertown , N.Y. to get closest to Kingston radar outlook).**
- 4. If the forecast suggests inclement conditions, get another adult to serve as a designated weather watcher (staff member, trusted parent, etc.).**
- 5. Use the Flash – to – Bang count to determine when to go to safety. By the time flash-to-bang count approaches 30 seconds, all individuals should be already inside a safe structure.**
- 6. Once activities have been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes following the last sound of thunder or lightning strike prior to resuming an activity or returning outdoors.**