



State Association

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Dear Club and League Representatives:

US Soccer's 'Recognize to Recover' (R2R) program highlights '[Environmental Conditions](#)'. This contains US Soccer's position as it relates to [severe weather](#). US Soccer's program and information serve as MSYSA's policy with respect to lightning, windstorms, and other severe weather conditions. Please share with your respective club/team officials.

All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous. If you hear thunder, you are in danger. Anytime thunder is heard, a thunderstorm is close enough to pose an immediate lightning threat to your location.

It is strongly recommended, prior to outdoor practices/training, that if thunderstorms are forecast, consider postponing activities to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is thirty (30) seconds or less, seek shelter. **Practice/play may resume thirty (30) minutes after the last sound of thunder/observable flash of lightning. The 30-minute clock restarts EVERY TIME A NEW LIGHTNING FLASH OR THUNDER SOUND IS HEARD.**

Additional information from the National Weather Service can be found [here](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the MSYSA State Office.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

