

FRANKLIN-SIMPSON PARKS AND RECREATION

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

(Approved November 1, 2022)

1. FS Parks and Rec reserves the right to cancel any and all programs, games, practices, tournaments, special events and functions if weather conditions present a hazard to the general public. The following events could cause the listed activities to be cancelled or postponed.
 - a. Severe thunderstorm warning
 - b. Tornado watch/warning
 - c. Special weather statements
 - d. Winter weather advisory
 - e. Winter weather watch
 - f. Winter storm watch/warning
 - g. Flood warning

2. FS Parks and Rec adheres to KHSAA guidelines for lightning.
 - a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning.
 - b. If such sight or sound is observed, suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.*
 - c. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - d. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30 minute count will reset the clock and another 30 minute count should begin.
 - e. When lightning detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location and sight or sound has not been detected.
 - f. Event managers should never depend on the reliability of these devices, and, thus, hearing thunder and seeing lightning should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.
 - g. Event managers should determine, through all available data, the optimum time to begin returning individuals to the competition areas for warming up, etc., but in no case may play (competition) resume until the 30 minute count has elapsed.

*This means all patrons and participants must leave the park facilities and after thirty (30) minutes, the situation will be reassessed. No one may remain on fields, in dugouts or on bleachers.

3. FS Parks and Rec adheres to KHSAA guidelines for play under extreme heat (indexes)
See enclosed KHSAA guidelines