

## POLICY: LIGHTNING GUIDELINES

### 1. When should activities be stopped?

If thunder can be heard or lightning can be seen, lightning is close enough to be a hazard and all participants should be encouraged to move to a safe location immediately.

### 2. Where should participants go for safety?

No place OUTSIDE is safe in or near a thunderstorm. Everyone should stop what they are doing and get to a safe place immediately. **Small outdoor buildings including, rain shelters, sheds, etc., are NOT SAFE.** Substantial buildings with wiring and plumbing are the safest places. Therefore, all participants should be asked to move inside the Dufferin Club building. Once inside, they should be asked to stay away from windows and doors and anything that conducts electricity such as corded phones, wiring, plumbing, and anything connected to these. If participants refuse to move inside the building, they should be encouraged to leave the premises and seek an alternative safe shelter.

### 3. When should activities be resumed?

Electrical charges can linger in clouds after a thunderstorm has passed, therefore participants should wait at least 30 minutes after the storm to resume playing. This is either 30 minutes after the last lightning flash is seen or the last roll of thunder is heard. Lightning can strike up to approximately 15 kilometres away from the storm even after the clouds have moved on.

### 4. Who should monitor the weather and who decides when to stop activities?

The on-duty court supervisor, or a member of the Dufferin Club of Brantford Board of Directors will monitor the weather during hours the club is open and request that participants move to safety in the event of thunder and/or lightning.

### 5. What should be done if someone is struck by lightning?

If someone is struck by lightning, call 911 immediately.