

## Vermont State Cup Lightning Policy

If thunder and/or lightning occur during the 2014 Vermont State Championships the responsibility for suspending matches will be the responsibility of the referees, and tournament officials

The **30-minute rule** will apply once a game has been suspended. Games will resume 30 minutes after the **last** lightning strike has been seen.

Players and spectators will be warned of game suspension either by the referee or by one long sound from an “air horn” located at the registration tent. All players and spectators are requested to seek safe shelter in an approved structure or in their vehicles with the windows rolled up. Coaches are responsible for getting their teams to safety.

Players and Coaches will be called back to the fields by **Three** short sounds from the air horn when referees and Tournament officials feel the threat has passed.

All games will resume at the point of stoppage. However in the event that a game cannot resume after a period of time decided upon by the tournament staff, Vermont State Cup Rule G-8 will apply: a game will be considered a completed game if it was suspended in the second half. If the game was suspended any earlier, it must be replayed at a later date decided by the tournament staff.