

## **LIGHTENING/WEATHER POLICY**

I, as a Parent/Guardian acknowledge the receipt of the below Lightning and Weather Policy. Before a game/practice, coaches should check the local forecast and radar to get the latest update of the weather and its location to your field of play. MYA will strictly adhere to the Flash to Bang Method\*. Once 30 seconds, or less Flash to Bang has been obtained (i.e. the storm is within six miles of the field), the field should be cleared and everyone should be in a safe structure. The dugout/pavilion/concession stand/restrooms are NOT safe structures. For the majority of fields, the primary safe structure will be any vehicle with a hard metal roof (neither a convertible, nor a golf cart) and the windows shut. Once the game/practice has been stopped because of lightning, you may only take the field again for practice/game after 30 minutes have passed without seeing any lightning within the vicinity of your field. Since younger children can take longer to gather their items together and move to a safe structure, the decision to suspend a game/practice should be made more quickly the younger the age group involved.

\*Flash to Bang Method -- Once lightning is observed, begin counting the number of seconds until you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by 5 to get an idea of how many miles away the storm is. i.e. 30 seconds from lightning is observed until thunder is heard, divided by 5 is equal to six miles distance.