

Emergency Action Plan – Athletic Facilities

Emergency Evacuation Instructions

(To be posted in all stadiums, gyms, and press boxes – To be read by PA announcer)

SEVERE LIGHTNING IN THE AREA:

DUE TO THE SEVERE LIGHTNING WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA. PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR VEHICLES. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VEHICLE TO GO TO, THE GYM OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPENED.

THREAT OF TORNADOES IN THE AREA:

DUE TO THREAT OF TORNADOES IN THE AREA, WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA. PLEASE REPORT TO THE (Assigned area of the school other than gyms) OF THE SCHOOL. (Baseball-PJHS Hallway, Football Stadium, Softball & Tennis Complex, Old & New Gymnasiums-PHS Hallway)

ANY OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATION WHICH COULD INCLUDE BOMB THREATS, SHOTS FIRED, RIOTS, ETC:

WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE REPORT TO THE (DESIGNATED AREA) AT THIS TIME! (The designated area will be decided, announced and controlled by the Pickens County Sheriff's Dept.)

Safety & Emergency Public Address Announcements

(Read only on cue from Game Manager/Administrator)

THROWN OBJECTS/INTERFERING INSTANCES:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE GAME OFFICIALS, COACHES AND PLAYERS OF BOTH TEAMS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY OFFICIALS TO REMAIN OFF THE FIELD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM THROWING OBJECTS ON TO THE FIELD, OR OTHER ACTIONS INTERFERING WITH THE GAME. THANK YOU.

EVACUATION OF STADIUM OR GYM:

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE? AT THIS TIME THE STADIUM/GYM WILL BE EVACUATED. PLEASE EXIT IN A CALM AND ORDERLY FASHION AND WATCH FOR OFFICERS AND USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE. AGAIN, AT THIS TIME THE STADIUM WILL BE EVACUATED. PLEASE EXIT IN A CALM AND ORDERLY FASHION AND WATCH FOR OFFICERS AND USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

LIGHT SYSTEM FAILS:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE TEMPORARILY EXPERIENCING A POWER OUTAGE. (if in gym--- EMERGENCY LIGHTS WILL PROVIDE FOR YOUR SAFETY.) GAME MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TO RESTORE POWER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SITUATION:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DURING THIS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SITUATION, WE ASK THAT EVERYONE PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT. ONLY SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD/COURT AT THIS TIME UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

Lightning Detector Guidelines

A LIGHTNING DETECTOR SHOULD BE PRESENT AND OPERATIONAL AT ALL OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS

The following operational guidelines apply to the operation of the Thunderbolt detectors:

- Each time Thunderbolt detects a lightning stroke, it will emit an audible warning tone (must be switched on) and reports the nearest lightning strike.
- Since the average stroke of lightning is 6 miles long be aware that you are in immediate danger any time there is a detected lightning activity within 8-10 miles of your location.
- The Thunderbolt can also detect lightning patterns that indicate the presence of severe storms that may produce dangerous winds, heavy rains and tornadoes.
- The RANGE SELECT SWITCH allows you to choose the distance at which detected lightning strokes will trigger the AUDIBLE WARNING TONE. The instruction book recommends that you use the AUDIBLE WARNING TONE at the maximum range whenever possible
- The following guidelines apply to the general use of the detectors:
 - A fully operational lightning detector is to be present at all outdoor athletic competitions.
 - If a school has athletic facilities that are not located on the campus, additional detector(s) will need to be purchased in the event of two games occurring at the same time.
 - An administrator (game manager) assigned to the event should be responsible for assuring that the detector is working and at the location.
 - If a school has more than one event taking place on the campus, the game manager should notify the other locations if detection is noted.
 - If detection is noted at a competition on campus and there are other teams practicing outdoors, they are to be notified and advised to follow the same guidelines being followed at the game site.
 - It is the responsibility of the school athletic director to assure that the lightning detector(s) is working properly and has a charged battery.
 - Be aware that storms can form directly over your location, offering little or no advance warning even when using Thunderbolt. You must remember that Thunderbolt does not predict where the next lightning stroke might occur. Thunderstorms are unpredictable and should be considered extremely dangerous. Common sense and extreme caution should always be used when confronting lightning and thunderstorm activity.
 - If detection occurs and the players are sent indoors, an announcement is to be made to the spectators advising them of the situation and requesting them to seek shelter as well. Accommodations will have to be made to allow for spectators to leave and re-enter in a situation such as this.
 - Once Thunderbolt has detected lightning within no less than 15 miles away, athletes are to be removed from the playing field. Athletes are not permitted to return to the field of play until Thunderbolt has been checked and verifies the absence of lightning and it has been 20 minutes since the last seen lightning strike.

Individual Facility Plan – need one for each facility

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Emergency Action Plan

Address:

Venue Directions:

Main entrance:

Emergency Personnel:

Emergency Communication:

Emergency Equipment:

Roles of First Responders: (if ambulance is on-site, then communicate with EMS personnel)

- Immediate care of the injured or ill student athlete
- Activate emergency medical system (EMS)
 - **911** (from cell phone)
 - (provide name, address, telephone number, number of individuals injured, condition of injured, first aid treatment, specific directions, other information as requested)
- Emergency equipment retrieval
- Direct EMS to the scene
 - a. open appropriate gates (entering the access road beside the stadium)
 - b. designate individual to “flag down” EMS and direct to scene
 - c. scene control: limit scene to first aid providers and move bystanders away from area

<INSERT MAP OF FACILITY>