



PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE

# LIGHTNING POLICY

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In the event of lightning at a Premier Academy League matchday, the following steps will be taken to ensure the safety of all attendees.

The Premier Academy League consistently monitors weather forecasts and provide updates to Academy Directors on procedures if wet weather and thunderstorms are predicted.

On matchdays, Premier Academy League staff will look for signs of developing local thunderstorms such as high winds, darkening clouds and any lightning or thunder.

The 30/30 rule will be used to determine if the conditions are dangerous and whether matches need to be stopped. If there is less than a 30-second gap between lightning and thunder (flash to bang), matches will be stopped immediately.

All attendees should seek safe shelter. Safe shelter includes a fully enclosed building or vehicle. Unsafe shelters include trees, light poles and tents.

Play cannot resume until 30 minutes following the last sound of thunder or sight of lightning.

Attendees should not leave the venue unless safe shelter cannot be found.

Attendees should monitor the Weather Messages page on the Premier Academy League website which will be updated within 15 minutes of a stoppage of play. The website will be updated with information on whether matches will resume and in what format.

<https://www.premieracademyleague.com/weather>