

Bishop Chatard Athletics

Emergency Weather Plan

- The Administrator in charge [typically the athletic director, assistant athletic director, athletic trainer, sport head coach, or camp director] shall monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
- Once a contest or activity begins, the game officials shall make the decision on when play is suspended. The administrator in charge may overrule the game officials and suspend a contest should he/she deem necessary.
- Typical criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen **or lightning is detected within 10 miles**, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard **or lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play**.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning **within the 6-mile radius** after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
- If public address system is available, events staff should direct all persons to the appropriate safe structure (listed below). If no public address is available, event staff should move about the crowd to direct them.
- Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel such as game officials, sports medicine staff, home and visiting coaching staffs, etc.

To be announced at our Home events when necessary:

Dangerous inclement weather has been reported in the immediate area, patrons are directed to vacate the seating area and go into the nearest safe structure.

Please follow directions from the event staff.

Please retain to your ticket stub for re-entry.

Sports hosted by BCHS - once play is interrupted attendees will be instructed to proceed to the nearest safe structure:

Baseball – BCHS School Building (Door #10)

Cross Country – will utilize the plan of action for the facility we are at

Football – BCHS School Building (Door #10)

Football(Varsity) being hosted at another school – will utilize the plan of action for the school we are at

Golf – players are to get out of the elements & return to the course's club house

Soccer – BCHS School Building (Door #10)

Softball – BCHS School Building (Door #10)

Tennis – once play is interrupted the match is postponed for that day & all attendees are expected to return to their home school or residences as soon as possible

Track – BCHS School Building (Door #10)

In the event of a tornado, please follow event staff directions and move to interior rooms and/or hallways and away from windows