



Storm/Lightning Policy

In the absence of an official policy from Football West, Dianella Soccer Club has adopted the following policy regarding storm activity/lightning.

The 30-30 Rule.

- *When lightning is sighted, count the time until thunder is heard. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within 10km and is DANGEROUS.*

This is the time at which matches/training should be suspended and Yokine Reserve cleared.

- *As most experts believe that the 'safe' distance is no less than 10km, all people at risk should be seeking, or already inside safe shelters.*
- *Where practicable, people should be moved to a safe structure as soon as possible. The best option is a large building with electric and telephone wiring and plumbing to provide a safe pathway for the current to the ground.*
- *Failing the presence of a safe structure, seek shelter in a parked car with windows wound up. Soft top convertible cars DO NOT provide adequate protection.*
- *The threat of lightning continues for a much longer period than most people realise. It is imperative to point out that sunshine or blue sky should not fool anybody into thinking that it is safe, and you should remain alert to the possible return of the storm.*
- ***Once play/training is suspended a period of 30 minutes should be allowed before reassessing.***
- *Using the '30-30' rule, the distance of the storm should be estimated before allowing activity to continue.*
- ***Activity can resume when the '30-30' rule has been satisfied.***

