## McLean Little League Lightning Safety Procedures



McLean Little League has the following Policy and Procedure for Lightning Safety. When arriving at the MLL Park, look at the clock tower. If no light is lit no storms are expected. If the <u>GREEN</u> light is lit it means play ball, but be alert for changing weather conditions.

If the <u>YELLOW</u> light is lit, it means play has been suspended. Stay sheltered in your vehicle in the parking lot and wait for the all clear or park closed signal.

If the <u>RED</u> light is lit, the park is closed. No activities can take place at the park. Check the web site or hot line for details of late games.

The umpire in chief, board member on duty, or park manager will suspend play:

- At the sound of definite thunder (then lightning is close enough to strike), or
- If lightning is sighted <u>and</u> after counting the time until they hear thunder, this time is 30 seconds or less (then lightning is close enough to strike).

The air horn will sound and the yellow warning light will be lit. If one field suspends play then all fields will suspend play.

ALL players, coaches, managers and spectators MUST take shelter in a hard topped vehicle in the parking lot. You may NOT mill about in the parking lot or anywhere in the complex. The snack bar will close. All dugouts MUST be vacated.

Managers have the ultimate responsibility of ensuring that they, their coaches, and all players reach adequate shelter in a timely manner and remain there until all clear signal is sounded. Milling around the parking lot or standing under the overhand of the snack bar is not acceptable. Managers who fail to use their best efforts to ensure compliance with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

After 30 minutes since last sound of thunder, the green light will be relit and the air horn will sound the all clear, reopening the ball fields. In the event that play cannot be resumed the red light will light closing the park.

Let's play it safe and follow these procedures to protect all our little league family members!