

# BASEBALL VICTORIA INC.

## LIGHTNING POLICY

Those associated with Baseball Victoria and its activities should note that the risk of injury from lightning is real, especially for people playing outdoor sports such as baseball.

On game day, the Plate Umpires has the responsibility to decide when it is safe to play baseball.

During practice, the Club Coach is responsible for deciding when it is safe to be practicing. In the absence of the Club Coach, the highest ranking present member of the Club Committee is responsible.

Play or practice will be suspended when any visible lightning is observed irrespective of the location of the storm or the direction in which it is moving.

Players, officials and guests will take shelter in the club rooms or their cars while play is suspended. The dugouts **do not** provide appropriate protection.

Play will not be resumed until thirty minutes after the last observed lightning strike.

Delays to play caused by lightning risk will be considered to be a weather delay in deciding the outcome of a game.