



## **WINTER SKY INDEPENDENT INC THUNDER AND LIGHTNING PROTOCOL**

ADOPTED FROM THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Applies to all outside rehearsal, performances, or competitions:

- 1) Thunder and lightning necessitates that events be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion – thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning. Group administration will set up a plan for shelter prior to the start of any outdoor event.
- 2) When thunder is heard and/or when lightning is seen, the following procedures should be adhered to:
  - a) Suspend activity and direct participants to immediately drop equipment and go to shelter, a building normally occupied by the public or if a building is unavailable, participants should go inside a vehicle with a solid metal top (e.g. bus, van, car).
  - b) Do not permit people to stand under or near a tree; and have all stay away from poles, antennas, towers, and underground watering systems.
  - c) After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming activity.

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