



Centaurs Group Lightning Policy

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This policy applies to all Centaurs Activities including training, matches, camps and parties.

What classifies as a lightning strike?

A lightning strike is classified as any cloud-to-cloud (CTC) or cloud-to-ground (CTG) strike.

Centaurs consider any visible lightning strike or sound of thunder as a lightning strike.

Who is responsible for monitoring lightning strikes?

The schools (SAS and DCSG) hosting our clubs' training and competition activities have their own designated lightning policies with lightning detector systems. The clubs will follow these procedures, which usually mean curtailing outdoor activities and finding suitable shelter in designated areas for a minimum 15 minute period once the detector sounds. Returning to activities will only be permitted once the 'all clear' sounds.

For official Centaurs Activities a designated member of staff such as a Sports or Activities Director, is responsible for monitoring lightning alarms and deciding on the suspension of activities.

What action must be taken after a lightning strike?

Once a lightning alarm has sounded, all activities must be suspended and all participants and spectators must seek shelter at the nearest designated safe point only and await further communication on when it is safe to resume activities.

What happens after seeking shelter?

All activities will be suspended and only resumed after a minimum 15 minutes after the last lightning alarm has sounded.