

	WORK HEALTH SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM			
	WHS 3100 Lightning Policy			
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1. Purpose

This Hockey NSW policy is aimed at minimizing the likelihood of workers, members, volunteers and players being struck by lightning while playing or being involved in the sport.

Statistics have shown that people participating in sports such as cricket, hockey or golf are at risk of being struck and killed by lightning.

2. Application

Hockey NSW strongly recommends that all associations adopt this policy for the protection of members. These guidelines should apply at all Hockey NSW events where participants, volunteers or staff are, or are likely to be at risk from lightning.

3. Review

The CEO shall periodically review this policy, and make recommendations to the Board that it be amended as necessary to reflect applicable legislation.

4. Procedure

The procedure follows the Hockey NSW State Championship Rules outline the Lightning Safety Code in Clause 21 below:

Lightning Safety Code

- i. The Lightning Safety Code adopted by Hockey NSW applies to all championships.
- ii. The Lightning Safety Code is based on the 30/30 rule which calls for play to be stopped when the lightning/thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less, i.e. the time between when the lightning is seen and the thunder is heard is 30 seconds or less. This indicates that the lightning is 10 km away and the next strike has a “significant risk” of hitting people that have seen the lightning and heard the thunder.
- iii. Play shall not recommence until 30 minutes after the last lightning flash within the 30/30-ratio.

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