



CANCELLATION OF FIELD ALLOCATION

- The City reserves the right to cancel or suspend field allocations when field conditions could result in injury to players or cause damage to fields. Allocations may also be cancelled when the health and safety of participants is threatened due to impending conditions, including but not limited to heavy rain, poor air quality(smoke), high winds, excessive heat, lightning and winter storms. During inclement weather, Parks and Recreation staff will assess the playability of all fields to determine if use will occur.

CANCELLATION HOTLINE

- In the event we need to cancel a field allocation for youth programming, we will make a decision no later than 3pm. In the event we need to cancel a field allocation for adult programming, we will make a decision no later than 4pm. Please call the Inclement weather hotline (970) 544-5834 for cancellations.

LIGHTNING POLICY

- The “Flash to Bang” method is recommended by the National Sever Storms Laboratory (NSSL). To estimate how far away the lightning is occurring, count the seconds from the time lightning is sighted to when the clap of thunder is heard. Divide that number by five (5) to obtain how far away in miles the lightning is occurring. Programs/Activities will be suspended using this technique when the threat of lightning is in the eight (8) mile range. Using the “Flash to Bang” technique, this means that any count under 40 seconds will result in the program/activity being suspended until conditions. Participants are strongly encouraged to seek safe shelter. Participants should not return to the program/activity area until 30 minutes have passed since the last lightning flash. Each time lightning is observed, the “30-minute clock” is reset. Even in the presence of blue skies or lack of rainfall, the “30-minute clock” should be disregarded.