

Coaches, Players, and Parents:

Below is the JTAA policy with respect to lightning at the JCP sand volleyball courts. Please familiarize yourself with these procedures. We need to make sure we all stay safe!

Jupiter Community Park is equipped with a lightning prediction system. It does not read lightning that hits around the park (i.e Jupiter Farms or the beach). This system reads the electric charge in the atmosphere in a predetermined proximity around the park. This means that if the warning system is activated then the potential for lightning exists within the park and the warning should not be taken lightly. There is a central unit within the softball complex that contains the “home base” for the unit. There are horns and lights for the system located on top of the softball building, on top of the JTAA building at the Multi-Purpose fields, and on top of the building at the senior baseball fields. Here is the protocol that is to be followed in regards to this system:

- 1) The lightning detector activates when it reads a charge that is strong enough to produce lightning around the park. Once activated all 3 units will sound (1) long horn and the light on top of the buildings will start to flash. Coaches please look at the light on top of the building closest to your field when you arrive to see if the light is flashing (If the unit went off before you arrived you will not hear the horn, so you must go by whether or not the light is flashing). If the lights are flashing all coaches, kids and parents must seek shelter and no one is allowed on the fields within the park for the safety of everyone within the park.
- 2) Once the unit has reached a safe level it will give the “All Clear,” this will consist of (3) short sounds of the horn followed by the lights turning off. This means that it is safe for you to go onto the fields and conduct your practice or game.

It is important that all coaches know the protocol and follow it for the safety of all the kids on the team. It is the coaches responsibility to check the lightning detectors when they arrive at the park and assess the situation. If any coaches would like to check out the system that we have at JCP the Thor Guard website is <http://www.thorguard.com/>. Thanks for everyone’s assistance in ensuring the safety of all the parents, coaches, and kids of JTAA by following our lightning policy at JCP.