

Tarneit North Football Club

Football Victoria (FV) Lightning Safety Policy



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TARNEIT NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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1. Purpose

Tarneit North Football Club is committed to ensuring the safety of all participants during training and matches. This policy aligns with Football Victoria (FV) guidelines for managing lightning and severe weather conditions.

2. Policy Statement

Lightning poses a serious safety risk. All club activities must be suspended immediately when lightning is detected or when conditions become unsafe.

3. Lightning Risk Awareness

Lightning can occur without warning and may strike from significant distances. All members must take lightning risks seriously and follow safety procedures at all times.

4. Suspension of Activities

Training or matches must be stopped immediately if:

- Lightning is seen or thunder is heard
- Severe weather conditions are approaching
- Officials or club representatives determine conditions are unsafe

5. 30/30 Rule

The club follows the 30/30 Rule:

- If the time between seeing lightning and hearing thunder is 30 seconds or less, all activities must stop immediately
- Activities must not resume until 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard

6. Safe Shelter

During lightning events, all participants must:

- Seek shelter in a substantial building or enclosed vehicle
- Avoid open fields, trees, metal objects, and goalposts
- Stay away from water and exposed areas

7. Responsibilities

Coaches, officials, and team managers must:

- Monitor weather conditions before and during activities
- Make decisions to suspend or cancel activities when necessary
- Ensure all players and participants move to safe shelter promptly

8. Communication

The club will:

- Communicate cancellations or delays where possible
- Provide clear instructions during weather disruptions
- Prioritise safety over competition or training schedules

9. Compliance

All members must comply with:

- Football Victoria (FV) safety guidelines
- Football Australia (FA) recommendations
- Tarneit North Football Club policies

10. Commitment

Tarneit North Football Club is committed to protecting all participants by following best practices for lightning safety and ensuring a safe sporting environment.