



Perry Weather Lightning Detection System

Policies and Procedures for Gatesville Sports Complex Patrons

The safety and well-being of patrons visiting the Gatesville Sports Complex are paramount. To further ensure the safety of all individuals during events, Gatesville Parks and Recreation has implemented the Perry Weather Lightning Detection System.

Section 1: Lightning Detection System

- **Monitoring:** The lightning sensor continuously monitors the atmosphere's electrostatic energy as far away as 15 miles and evaluates the potential for lightning within an area of approximately 10 miles in radius. Patrons may also visit www.TeamSideline.com/GatesvilleTX to view live weather updates.
- **Active Lightning Alert:** When lightning is present and activities should be delayed, the horn sounds one time for 10 seconds, the strobe light on the Perry Weather System begins flashing, and the automated message broadcasts from the built-in public address system will begin instructing everyone to exit the fields. All events and activities must halt upon warning system activation.

Section 2: Patron Responsibilities

- **Awareness:** Patrons are responsible for knowing where all party members are always.
- **Shelter:** Appropriate shelters include buildings and vehicles. When one of these shelters is not available, seek a low-lying area.
- **Stay Informed:** Patrons should stay informed about weather conditions through official announcements and updates provided by Gatesville Parks and Recreation staff and/or by visiting www.TeamSideline.com/GatesvilleTX to view live weather updates from our on-site weather station. At each entrance to the Gatesville Sports Complex and on the exterior wall of the concession stand, you will find a Perry Weather QR Code that you may scan to keep updated.

Section 3: Reopening and All Clear

- **All Clear Signal:** The **All Clear** signal will be given when it is safe to resume activities. Patrons should wait for this signal before leaving the shelter.
 - Strobe light stops flashing.
 - Tone sounds three times.
 - An automated message broadcasts on the PA speaker that the fields/ballpark is safe to again occupy, and outdoor activities may resume.
- **Resumption of Activities:** Again, good judgment should still govern, and if conditions do not appear to be safe to resume outside activity it is best to wait until the weather circumstances change, regardless of an all-clear from the system.

Section 4: Enforcement

- **Compliance:** Failure to comply with this policy may result in removal from the Gatesville Sports Complex.

Section 5: Contact Information

- **Emergency Contact:** In case of any emergency, patrons should contact **9-1-1**. For non-medical emergencies, patrons should contact GPARD Supervisor, Marte Bailey at 254-499-1015.