

Elks Swim Team

Thunder and Lightning Policy

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In the event of thunder and/or lightning, including "heat" lightning, the Elks Swim Team follows the Red Cross suggested thunder and lightning policy.

In the event that thunder is heard by the lifeguard on duty, the pool will be cleared for at least 30 minutes. Spectators and swimmers may remain on the pool deck. No swimmer will be allowed back in the pool until at least 30 minutes has elapsed since the last hearing of thunder.

If lightning is observed by the lifeguard on duty, the pool deck will be cleared of all swimmers and spectators. The pool deck will remain clear until at least 30 minutes has passed. When at least 30 minutes has passed since the last lightning sighting, swimmers and spectators will be allowed back on the pool deck.

The lifeguard on duty shall be responsible for keeping track of the time elapsed since the last hearing of thunder or the last observance of lightning.

During a JSL sanctioned swim meet, it will be the duty of the lifeguard and/or the Elks Swim Team Meet Director ("Meet Director") for thunder and look out for lightning during the swim meet.

In the event that thunder is heard or lightning is observed, it will be the responsibility of the Meet Director and/or lifeguard on duty to clear the pool of swimmers in the event of thunder and the pool deck of spectators and swimmers in the event of lightning. If the pool deck is cleared of spectators and swimmers they should take all of their belongings to their vehicles to wait out the storm or to until a decision is made to discontinue or to continue the meet.

In the event of thunder swimmers will remain out of the pool for at least 30 minutes has elapsed since the last hearing of thunder. In the event of lightning, swimmers and spectators will remain off the pool deck until at least 30 minutes has elapsed since the last observance of lightning.

The Meet Director and the lifeguard on duty shall be responsible for keeping track of the elapsed time since the last hearing of thunder or the last observance of lightning.

The Meet Director, the opposing team's Meet Director and the JSL Referee shall be responsible for determining whether to continue or discontinue the swim meet after the occurrence of thunder or lightning.