

Lightning / Thunder 30/30Rule

This rule was introduced after a player back in 2004 in Bomaderry on the NSW south coast was struck by lightning whilst batting which resulted in his death. Two other fielders were seriously injured.

It is important that this rule is strictly **adhered to at all times**.

Play shall cease immediately, in the event of a lightning flash which is followed by thunder within thirty (30) seconds or less after such flash. Play **shall not** resume until thirty (30) minutes have elapsed after the last such flash.

EG. Lightning flash followed by thunder within thirty (30) seconds or less occurs at 2.15pm.

Play can not resume until 2.45pm.

If a second lightning flash followed by thunder within thirty seconds or less occurs at 2.30 pm.

Play can not resume until 3.00pm. (and so on)

The thirty (30) seconds or less indicates that the storm is less than ten (10) km away, even if it may appear further to you.

All players should shelter in an enclosed building or vehicle (avoiding metal)

Don't shelter anywhere open, under trees or near metal.