

## LIGHTNING SAFETY – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## 1. General Information

- 1.1. Lightning's behavior is random and unpredictable. Preparedness and quick response are the best defenses towards the lightning hazard.
- 1.2. Our pools are connected to a much larger surface area via underground water pipes, wiring, etc. A lightning strike in one place to this network may induce shocks elsewhere.
- 1.3. During a thunderstorm, there is no safe place outdoors; *when thunder roars, go indoors*!

## 2. Lightning Safety Procedures

- 2.1. At the first sign of lightning or thunder, the pools and Club grounds will be evacuated and shall remain so until thirty (30) minutes after the last sign of lightning or thunder.
- 2.2. Members/guests must leave the pools, pool decks, sport courts, grassy areas, picnic area and any other exposed areas.
- 2.3. Members/guests should seek shelter under cover of our building or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle with the windows up.
- 2.4. Members/guests should gather and bring all belongings with them, if this can be done quickly and safely.
- 2.5. Showers are **OFF LIMITS** while the pools and grounds are cleared for lightning.
- 2.6. DO NOT wait under tall trees, umbrellas, or near electric power lines;
  DO NOT use showers or have contact with water or wet floors;
  DO NOT use a land line telephone;
  DO NOT contact metal objects.
- 2.7. Members/guests must follow all instructions of lifeguards and managers on duty.