

## **SCOREBOARD:**

A \$100.00 deposit is required. The deposit will be forfeited if the scoreboard itself or the control panel is left on, as lightning strikes could damage the system.

## **KEYS:**

A set of keys will be checked out to the coach, and a deposit of \$50.00 is required. Team members are not to be allowed access to these keys; the keys are for staff only.

## **INFRACTIONS:**

**The Department will notify DWU coach of any infractions of these policies. Upon the second incident, a meeting with the Athletic Director will be requested to review these policies.**

# **LIGHTNING POLICY**

## **Lightning Safety**

It is the responsibility of each sponsoring organization to provide for the safety of its players, coaches and spectators as related to the danger of lightning.

Athletic teams that practice and compete outdoors are at risk when the weather is inclement. For this reason the following guidelines, adopted from the NCAA and NATA should be observed if it appears that lightning is possible for the area:

Lightning detectors will be situated at each complex. It is the responsibility of each association to monitor it during the possibility of inclement weather. If lightning is detected and the severe weather signal is illuminated, with two subsequent readings within 30 seconds on the detector at 8-10 mile range, play should be stopped, regardless of the presence of visible lightning.

If the lightning detector is not present, use the countdown or "Flash Bang" method.

## **The Flash Bang Method**

- 1) Count the seconds from the time lightning/flash is sighted to when the clap/bang of thunder is heard.
- 2) Divide this number by 5. That equals approximately how far away (in miles) the lightning is occurring. (For example, 20 second count = 4 miles).  
*\*As a minimum, the National Severe Storms laboratory (NSSL), strongly recommends that all individuals have left the athletic sites and reach a safe location by the flash-to-bang count of 30 seconds (6 miles). However, lightning can strike as far as 10 miles and it does not have to rain for lightning to strike.*
- 3) Activities should be terminated at 40 seconds or 8 miles.
- 4) Teams may return to the field once the lightning detector has detected no activity in the 8-10 mile range or 30 minutes from the last sight of lightning.

***No Lightning safety guidelines can guarantee absolute safety. It is the responsibility of every person to be aware of weather conditions and take appropriate action to be safe. Use common sense and judgment. Plan ahead and make safety your number one priority.***