

SCS Lightning Guidelines

While it is not often that we experience lightning in Southern California, it is potentially dangerous to swimmers, officials, and spectators.

The Official's Committee and the SCS Board of Directors have set forth the follow policy.

Meet Referees should take immediate action as soon as there is lightning (a flash) observed, and/or if there is thunder heard.

If either or both are present, regardless of distance, you are to clear the pool immediately. The minimum wait period is 30 minutes prior to allowing anyone back on deck and in the pool. Be aware that the facility wait period may be longer and we are to abide by the facility policy if it is longer than 30 minutes. Under no circumstances is it to be less than 30 minutes.

If there are no audible rumbles from thunder and/or flashes within the wait period, you may restart the meet at the end of the 30-minute period. However, if either of those is experienced during the wait period, then the clock restarts.

Once you have restarted the meet, if either occurs again, you would need to clear the pool and deck and start the clock again.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary actions that could include suspension. If any disciplinary action is necessary, the executive officials committee will create a recommendation based on the circumstances and submit the recommendation to the SCS Executive Board for approval.