

Adopted May 8, 2007

### **VPSU Lightning Policy**

WHEREAS, the VPSU Rules Committee has interpreted Rule IV(3) of the VPSU Competitive Rules to permit pool life guards (or duly authorized pool management) or the Meet Director to delay a meet for lightning or other safety factors; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee has further interpreted Rule IV(3) to provide that the decision on when to resume a meet (if the lifeguard or pool management permits it) shall be finally decided by the Meet Director after consultation with coaches, VPSU team representatives and the meet referee; and

WHEREAS, the VPSU Board of Directors desires to establish a uniform league-wide policy on Lightning safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Peninsula Swim Union as follows:

1. The hereinafter stated Rules Committee interpretation of Rule IV(3) is adopted as the VPSU policy for decision-making on lightning safety at VPSU swim meets: "The Rules Committee interprets Rule IV(3) to permit pool life guards (or duly authorized pool management) or the Meet Director to delay a meet for lightning or other safety factors. The decision on when to resume a meet (if the lifeguard or pool management permits it) shall be finally decided by the Meet Director after consultation with coaches, VPSU team representatives and the meet referee. The Committee recommends that coaches, meet directors and referees be briefed on this Rule at the Meet Directors/Coaches Clinic."

2. Meet Directors, Referees and Coaches at VPSU scheduled swim meets shall follow the swimming pool safety procedures recommended by the National Lightning Safety Institute, as set forth in Section 4.7 of the Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Pool Safety policy of the National Lightning Safety Institute which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," including without limitation the "30-30" rule for Lightning safety.

3. Written materials published by lightning safety experts on implementation of the 30-30 rule for lightning safety shall be discussed and distributed at the VPSU Meet Director/Coach clinic.

4. All VPSU Representatives shall deliver this policy and said written materials to the Manager of each pool in which VPSU holds any VPSU scheduled meet.