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In case a storm develops while the tournament is in progress, please follow these steps:

1. Game will be stopped.
2. Put down metal sticks.
3. Spread out as you move to a safe area. In most cases it will be your vehicle.
4. Stay away from metal fences, isolated trees, telephone poles, or other tall objects.
5. If you feel your hair stand on end it means lightening is about to strike nearby. Drop to a squatting position and cover your ears. DO NOT lie flat on the ground.
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