

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1988 convention delegates)

LIGHTNING DANGER IN YOUTH ATHLETICS

WHEREAS, Lightning is a danger in outdoor youth athletic events, and

WHEREAS, Parents, schools and coaches are giving the responsibility and liability for students in outdoor athletic events to the supervising game officials; and

WHEREAS, The Officials Rulebook states that they may (not must or shall) delay a game in the event of bad weather; and

WHEREAS, Officials do not receive any training regarding specific weather conditions that could be hazardous; and

WHEREAS, This situation leaves students at the mercy of persons who may or may not be qualified or inclined to stop a game when hazardous conditions exist; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA work with the Colorado High School Activities Association and all local youth sports associations to revise outdoor athletic rule books to mandate responsibility to game officials and coaches to delay games and practice when dangerous weather conditions exist; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA urge that appropriate training be given to all athletic officials to enable them to act properly when adverse weather conditions exist.