LIGHTNING SAFETY PROTOCOL

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY MEASURES

At all SCCA-sanctioned events, the lead event official, along with the venue representative and other officials as identified by the program, is responsible for ensuring appropriate lightning mitigation measures are in place.

SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES

If lightning is observed or detected within eight (8) miles of the event site, or within the locally established range for the event site, all SCCA event activities must be suspended.

RESUMING ACTIVITIES

Activities may resume once the locally established policy allows it. If no such policy exists, a minimum of 30 minutes must pass from the last detected or observed lightning strike within the eight (8) mile radius. Lightning detection technology may aid in decision-making; however visual confirmation of lightning takes precedence even if the detection system does not indicate activity.

SAFE SHELTER GUIDELINES

Event attendees should seek shelter in:

a. Fully enclosed buildings with plumbing and electrical wiring, such as site/venue buildings, permanent restroom facilities, permanent garages or paddock buildings.
b. Fully enclosed metal-topped vehicles with windows rolled up.

UNSAFE SHELTERS

Event attendees should avoid seeking shelter in:

a. Tents or canopies
b. Open garages, carports, sheds, picnic shelters
c. Golf carts or convertibles
d. Under trees or other isolated tall objects

PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS

Above all, attendee safety is the top priority when determining whether to suspend event activities. Any attendee who feels at risk at any time is encouraged to seek shelter.