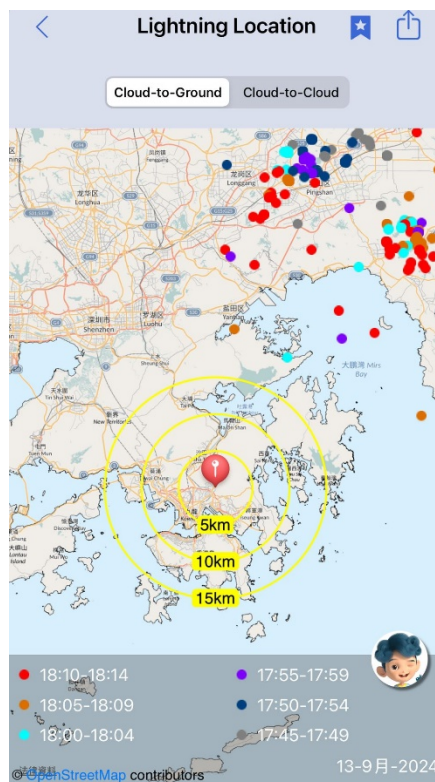


Lightning Safety Guidelines

(Updated: 18 Sept 2024)

1. If thunder is heard or lightning strike is observed at the venue during a game, the game shall be stopped immediately, regardless of the condition of sky, rain, the location of lightning strikes, or whether a Thunderstorm Warning is in force.
2. If thunder or lightning is not observed, the “Cloud-to-Ground Lightning Location” shown on the Hong Kong Observatory website or mobile app is the official tool to help determine whether a game shall be stopped.

If there are no **cloud-to-ground** lightning detected within a **10 km** radius from the venue (as shown in the picture below), the game will continue. Otherwise, the game shall be stopped immediately.



3. For official games on the same field:
 - i) **Before 1st game of the day starts**: The League Representative shall decide if the game would be delayed or rescheduled. Both teams and umpires should be informed.
 - ii) **After 1st game starts**: The Plate Umpire (PU) of the game shall be the person who make the call. PU shall suspend the game for 30 minutes once the situation in Point 1 or 2 occurs. If the situation continues or worsen, PU shall declare the game a “regulation game” or “suspended game” according to rulebook.