

Tornadoes

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

If you are under a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately! Most injuries associated with high winds are from flying debris, so remember to protect your head.

Policy

Diamond Fever will work diligently to cancel practices and events with adequate time for all members to seek safe shelter. Best case scenario, players and parents are at their home or other safe structure during severe weather.

Diamond Fever has adopted the following procedure for severe weather occurring at the Diamond Fever Sportsplex facility.

Facility Safety Procedure

In the event of a tornado warning Diamond Fever will suspend all practice/play and seek shelter inside the practice building. Enter the building and proceed to the west side wall, batting cage side. Kneel down facing the wall wearing your batting helmet, catcher's helmet, etc. or cover your head with your arms. Blankets, warm-up mats, etc. may be used to shield the body from flying debris. All doors must be secured. Secure as many loose items as possible.