

Hong Kong China Softball Association

Match Arrangement Guidelines under Thunderstorm Warning

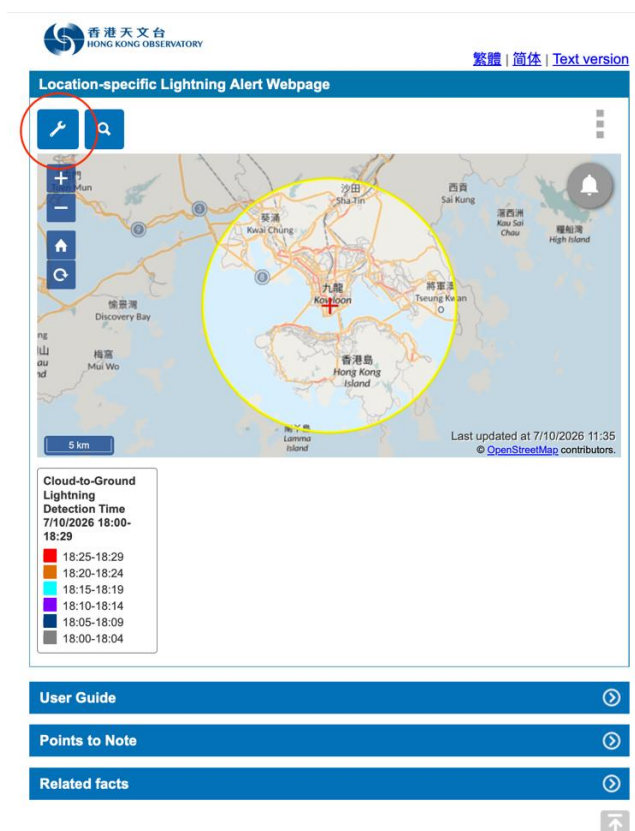
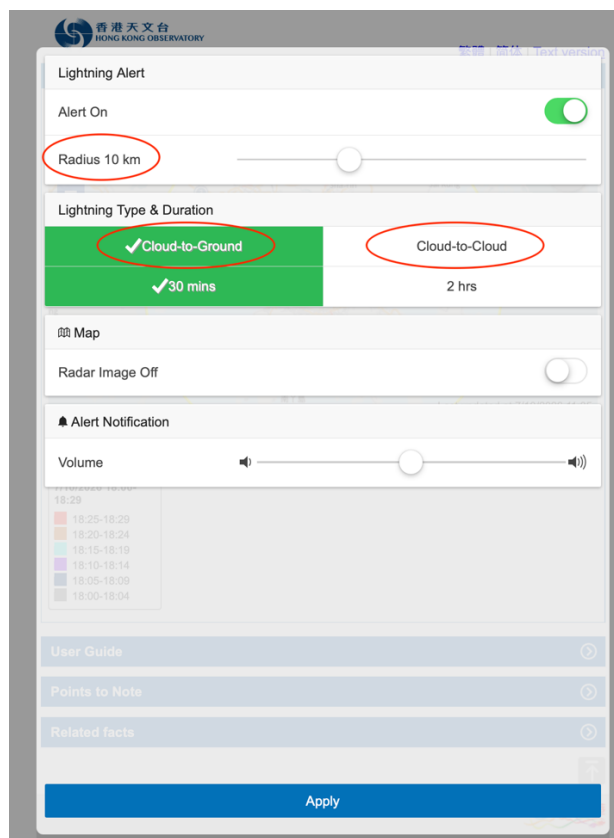
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Given the notably increased frequency of thunderstorm warnings in recent years, the situation has concurrently led to a substantial disruption in the league's progress and a considerable reduction in members' opportunities for competition.

With the dual objectives of safeguarding the personal safety of participating teams and our officials, while simultaneously ensuring that competitions can proceed as safely as possible, our association has therefore formulated the following 'Match Arrangement Guidelines under Thunderstorm Warning '.

Guidelines for match cancellation under Thunderstorm Warning:

1. Association Officers or Duty Officers (DO) will use the Hong Kong Observatory's 'Location-specific Lightning Alert Webpage' (available on their website or mobile app), which displays both Cloud-to-Ground and Cloud-to-Cloud lightning activities, as the official criterion for determining whether matches should be cancelled. If no cloud-to-ground/cloud-to-cloud lightning strokes are detected within a 10 km radius of the venue (as shown in the image below) during the match, play will continue. Otherwise, the match will be cancelled or suspended. The decision to replay a match will depend on whether it is declared a regulation match according to the ground rules."



2. If thunder is heard or a lightning flash is observed at the venue during a match, the match will be suspended regardless of the sky conditions, rain, or the location of lightning strokes detected within a 10 km radius. The decision to replay the match will depend on whether it is declared a regulation match according to the ground rules.

If the above-mentioned conditions apply (i.e., play continues under a thunderstorm warning without a Location-specific Lightning Alert), the match will proceed until further notice from staff or the Duty Officer (DO).