

## Weather Preparedness Notice

Athens County, Ohio is currently under a tornado watch, which means meteorologists are actively watching the developing weather patterns and that there is the possibility of a tornado. This does not mean a tornado has been sighted, but rather that we should prepare just in case. If Athens upgrades to a tornado warning, that will mean a tornado has been sighted and there is an immediate danger.

**Currently, the main action you should take is ensuring your cell phone can receive National Weather Service Alerts and/or a weather app's alerts.**

However, in the case that the tornado watch becomes a tornado warning, you should stop what you are doing immediately and proceed to the nearest shelter location. PKD will post information on social media, through Speechwire, and in print around the tournament site. However, please ensure your weather alerts are set up as well, so you have multiple ways of obtaining weather alert information.

In the event you receive notice of a tornado warning, shelter locations at the tournament include the following:

- Bentley: Walk towards the back of the building and use the back stairwell to get to the lowest floor and remain in one of the classrooms on the lowest level.
- Copeland: Walk down the stairs either at the front or side entrance of the building. There will be a hallway in the back center that will be fine to gather in or classrooms on either side. Just make sure there are no windows. Women's bathroom is also a good place.
- Gordy Hall: Through the main entrance, walk towards the back of the main hallway and find the staircase to the right. Follow the staircase down to the lower level and turn left and walk towards the vending machines. Gather in the open space there and close the double doors leading to the exterior doors, if necessary. If more space is needed, go to the main floor and gather in the main hallway closing the double doors leading to exterior doors.
- Schoonover: Walk down to the basement level of the building and avoid small windows on the left hand side. Gather in the hallway near the photo studios (located just beyond the sitting area). OR funnel into RTV building and turn left. Stairwells in RTV can also be utilized if main staircase in Schoonover is far or crowded
- Walter: When you walk in the doors closest to grover, go straight back, turn left at the first hallway, before the exit doors down that hallway, turn right and go back into that hallway/room.
- Grover: Entering from either entrance, there are multiple small hallways off of the main pathway that have classrooms with no windows. There are some rooms that have glass openings: avoid those areas.

Again, currently we are only under a tornado watch and you do not need to feel alarmed. We are sharing this information so that you feel prepared and confident with a plan of action in the unlikely event we are upgraded to a tornado warning.