

Game Cancellation/Rescheduling Policy

Unplayable Field Conditions and Player Safety are the only acceptable reasons a game could be cancelled once the reconciliation period has expired. There are two possibilities:

1. **Fields are unplayable or player safety is at risk:** The Home Club's Field Coordinator makes the first decision to open or close the fields **by 7:30AM each game day**. The Home Club's Field Coordinator reserves the right to contact the Referee Assignor to close any field at any point throughout the day. Once the Field Coordinator closes a field, all games for all competitions at those sites are cancelled for that game day without exception. Referee fees are contingent on the Referee Assignor's ability to contact the assigned referees within three hours of a game scheduled start time.
 - a. **In-House Leagues:** Field Coordinator contacts Referee Assignor and League Commissioners. League Commissioners contact each team coach/manager. Referee Assignor contacts the assigned referees. The referees will not be paid.
 - b. **All Other Competitions:** Field Coordinator contacts Referee Assignor and home team coach/manager. Home team coach/manager contacts away team coach/manager. Referee Assignor contacts the assigned referees. The referees will not be paid.
2. **Fields are open but, conditions worsen:** The home coach or league commissioner could cancel a game for player safety or the health of the field. The Home Club's Field Coordinator should be consulted.
 - a. **More than three hours prior to the game start time:** The home coach/manager contacts Field Coordinator, Referee Assignor and away team coach/manager. The Referee Assignor contacts the assigned referees. The referees are not paid.
 - b. **Within three hours of the game start time:** The decision to play will be made at the field. The referee(s) must be part of this decision making process and are paid in full regardless of the decision. A coach must be at the field at the scheduled start time to contact and pay the assigned referee the full referee fee.
 - c. **After the game start time or, the game has already started:** The decision to stop, suspend or terminate a game lies exclusively with the referee. The referees are paid in full.

Thunder/Lightning Reminder: At the field, the decision to stop, suspend or terminate a game lies exclusively with the referee regarding any severe weather conditions. Once a referee suspends the game because of thunder/lightning, all participants are to move away from the fields and into a storm shelter or vehicle. Referees are reminded to keep participants away from the field and not to restart the game until at least 30 minutes following the last detectable thunder or lightning.

Game Rescheduling Procedure:

1. Inform Referee Assignor and Field Coordinator (and League Commissioner for In-House games) via email as soon as possible that the original game may be changing. The email must include the referee assigning system (GO) game number (or original game date, time, site and teams) as well as the reason the game change is being requested.
2. Home coach/manager confirms field availability for proposed new game date/time/site with Field Coordinator (and League Commissioner for In-House games).
3. Home coach/manager works with away coach/manager to coordinate potential new game details
4. Home coach/manager emails:
 - a. The original GO game number (or original date, time, site and teams)
 - b. The rescheduled game details (date, time and site)
 - c. This email must include the away coach/manager and be copied to Referee Assignor and Field Coordinator (and League Commissioner for In-House games)
 - d. Referee Assignor will allow time for any recipients to correct game detail changes
 - e. Referee Assignor will 'reply all' once the change is update in the GO system showing the updated game details
 - f. If the updated details are incorrect, please 'reply all' with the correct information
5. Referee Assignor will update the MAYSA and referee schedules. If your club posts team schedules on your club website then each team is responsible for contacting your club webmaster for updating those.

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