

Effective starting Fall 2005

Allowed Schedule Changes

- Each team will be allowed a maximum of four (4) schedule changes prior to the start of the season. The time period prior to the start of the season in which the teams can make changes to the schedule will be posted to the LVYSL website's calendar, www.lvysl.org. Coaches, please check your team's schedule against any potential conflicts (i.e. additional sport conflicts, scout conflicts, tournament conflicts, religious conflicts, etc...) prior to the start of the season.
- Any of the "schedule changes" must be submitted to the Appropriate Games Commissioner by the date posted on the League Calendar and MUST BE made through the LVYSL website. (www.lvysl.org).
- Any Requests for additional schedule changes once the season begins will only be allowed for the below outlined approved acceptable requests and MUST BE made through the WEB site as well.

Approved Acceptable Requests to change schedule:

- A. State Cup Match Conflict
 - B. Cancelled match due to weather related conditions
 - C. Loss of Field - Due to Closure or Unplayable conditions (i.e. Township or Borough Closure, School District Closure, Vandalized, etc...)
 - D. Soccer Tournament Conflict (added Spring 2007)
- All games are expected to be played once the schedule is published and the season begins. **No exceptions** are to be requested by coaches or coordinators **for a day change, time change or location change** unless the request is an approved acceptable request.
 - All acceptable request changes must be given 10 days advance notice of the proposed rescheduled match. Only those matches in which the appropriate games commissioner obtains confirmation from the Referee Assignor will be approved under 10 days. All approved game change requests submitted prior to 10 days of the new game date will be assessed a \$25. All other approved game change requests will be charged at the standard Referee Assignor rate of \$3.75 for a one-man referee system and \$5.25 for a three-man referee system.
 - **Please note:** No match will be rescheduled or played by coaches on their own and/or agreements with the opposing coach. Any reschedule request must be approved by the appropriate games commissioner prior to the match being played in order to be a League sanctioned match. **If played, it is a forfeit for both teams.**
 - Rescheduling of approved acceptable request must attempt to use weekend off days, school holidays, and weekday evenings.
 - Any game not played due to any other conflict will be considered a forfeit for the team refusing to play and said team will be subject to penalties described in Article V of the Rules of Play.

DO NOT CALL THE REFEREE ASSIGNOR TO RESCHEDULE A GAME!

- He/she will not accept ANY schedule change without the consent of the appropriate Games Commissioner. Any match played without the Appropriate Games Commissioner approval will be considered a forfeit for both teams.

Game Postponement by the Home Coach (Weather Related)

- Games should not be postponed for light rain or wet fields. Should postponement be due to inclement weather be necessary, the home team must notify both the visiting team and the Referee Assignor no less than 2 hours prior to the start of the scheduled match.
- **Call the referee assignor to cancel the game!** Contact the opposing coach and agree upon a date for rescheduling. The game must be processed for reschedule within **72 hours** using the Reschedule Request Procedure and played within 3 weeks or prior to the last game scheduled that season (whichever is earlier). If the process is not initiated or, if there is a conflict between the coaches, and the Games Commissioner is not notified within 72 hours by the home team coach that there is a conflict, the game will be considered a forfeit by the home team.
- If a date cannot be agreed upon by the two coaches, the appropriate Games Commissioner will arbitrate the disagreement and will have the final say as to when and where the game will be played.
- It is the home coach's responsibility to determine field availability before initiating a Reschedule Request.

Game Postponement by the Home Coach (Not Related to Weather)

- If a game must be postponed for other than weather related reasons, the team requesting the change must notify the Appropriate Games Commissioner by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the scheduled weekend game or 48 hours prior to any weekday scheduled game and **MUST** begin the request schedule change through the WEB site Reschedule Request process (RRP). For any cancellation after this time, the Referee(s) assigned to this game **MUST** be paid in full by the team canceling the game if the Referee(s) cannot be reassigned to another game. For any game rescheduled after this time a rescheduling fee will be assessed to the home team's performance bond. In order to avoid problems related to rescheduling of games, coaches **MUST** make every effort to play the games as scheduled.

If your field is unplayable, follow this procedure:

1. Contact the opposing coach to cancel the game. Make a decision at least TWO HOURS before Game Time. Some teams and referees travel considerable distances. If the referee cannot be reached before leaving for a game, both teams are responsible for ½ the fee.
2. Call the Referee Assignor to cancel the game. This is the ONLY time a coach should call the Referee Assignor.
3. Agree on a new date for the game with the opposing coach. The game must be rescheduled within 72 hours and played within 3 weeks ... or prior to the last game scheduled that season (whichever is earlier). If the Games Commissioner is not notified (via the WEB site process) within 72 hours following the cancelled game of the reschedule date, the game will be a forfeit by the HOME team.
4. If the two coaches cannot agree on a time, date, and field for the rescheduled game, the Games Commissioner will arbitrate the disagreement and will have final say as to when and where the

game is to be played.

FORFEITS AND FINES

Any team forfeiting a game will pay a fine to be determined by the League for that particular season. The forfeiting team is responsible for payment of referee fees, which will be deducted from the club's performance bond.

Any team forfeiting a game is responsible for referee fees, if the game is forfeited after 5:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the scheduled weekend game or 48 hours prior to the scheduled weekday game. Any team that must forfeit a match may avoid being assessed referee fees for the game if the game is cancelled prior to 5:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the scheduled weekend game or 48 hours prior to the scheduled weekday game. This can be achieved by contacting the appropriate Games Commissioner and Referee Assignor via telephone before 5:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the scheduled weekend game or 48 hours prior to the scheduled weekday game.