

- iv) The desire of the team and any other consideration submitted with the team's entry form.
- v) Statistical data from the previous season and other relevant information submitted.
- c) Final team placement will be decided at a Board placement meeting that will resolve any disagreements with the Age Director's recommendations.
- d) If circumstances necessitate changes in a team's division after the placement meeting, the Age Director with the approval of the Commissioner will determine the changes. All teams affected by such changes will be informed immediately. If necessary, the Board will vote on final placement.
- e) After placement in a division, all teams within the division are considered equal.
- f) After the placement meeting, a town may not add another team to an age group without approval of the registrar, statistician, appropriate age director and commissioner.

11. Rescheduling Games

- a) When a team cannot play a scheduled league game for legitimate reasons, the coach shall prove in writing, with significant documentation to the satisfaction of the Age Director, that fewer than eleven (11) players (Eight (8) players for Grade 5/6-U12 or six (6) for Grade 3/4-U10) will be available.
 - i) A coach should know his/her players' availability for the whole season; ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse. Legitimate reasons may include, but not be limited to:
 - graduation,
 - sanctioned invitational tournament,
 - school trip, or
 - religious activity.
 - ii) Lack of players due to a vacation is not a legitimate reason to reschedule a game.
- b) Notification of the need to reschedule must be given to the Age Director and the opposing coach at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled game date or within two (2) days after the reason for rescheduling appears or is known.
- c) For Spring Season games, the league referee assignor must be notified by the Age Director at least 48 hours in advance of a rescheduled game's date. (Exemption: Memorial Day weekend games **MUST** be rescheduled and played prior to Memorial Day.)

- i) Rescheduled games must be made up in advance of the scheduled date except with the permission of the Age Director.
 - ii) If the reason for rescheduling appears within the two weeks prior to the game date, the Age Director will set a reasonable deadline.
 - iii) If the HOME coach reschedules the game, he/she must give three (3) reasonable dates on which the game may be made up.
 - iv) If the AWAY coach reschedules the game, the HOME coach will set the make-up date.
 - v) The Age Director will arbitrate and decide on any disagreements.
- d) If the coach who wants to reschedule violates any part of this Rule, the opposing coach may claim a forfeit. The final decision will rest with the Age Director.

12. Postponing Games

- a) Games may be postponed if: 1) the fields are unplayable or 2) the safety of the participants is at risk, over and above the normal risks involved in playing a soccer game
- i. Initial responsibility for determining the above lies with the home team's administration (not the coach). A town organization (club or park's department) can close a field or all of its fields for the full day up to when the referee starts the match or determines that the field is unplayable.
 - ii. After this, it is each game's assigned referee's responsibility to determine if a game can be played or continued
 - iii. Once a field is declared unplayable, it is closed for the day.
 - iv. The league will only cancel all games league-wide on a given day with the unanimous consent of the Executive Committee. The intent is that only under extraordinary circumstances would the league cancel all league-wide games.
 - v. In situations where a significant number of a day's games are not completed, it is the league's responsibility to determine if that day's games will be cancelled or if those un-played games must be rescheduled.
- b) If the field is unplayable or in the case of another legitimate last day justification, the HOME coach shall inform the Age Director and the opposing coach before 8:00 a.m. (7:30a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. game). An authorized town representative shall be responsible for contacting the Referee Assignor and Referee Coordinator immediately to inform him/her of all cancelations at that town's fields

- c) If the authorized town representative is not available, the HOME coach is responsible for contacting the Referee Assignor and Referee Coordinator. If the HOME coach does not properly inform the Age Director, Referee Assignor or Referee Coordinator, and the referee appears for the game, the HOME team will be liable for the referee fee. Failure to notify the opposing coach may result in a forfeiture of the game as determined by the Age Director.
- d) If all home games of a Club are canceled, the authorized town representative shall be responsible for notifying the Referee Assignor and/or Referee Coordinator as soon as possible.

13. Make-up Schedule for Postponed Games

- a) The home team coach must give the opposing coach three (3) reasonable dates, within seven (7) days of the original game date, on which the game may be made up. The make-up scheduling process in SportsManager is preferred or the home team coach will confirm the date, time and place for the make-up game by calling both the Age Director and the opposing coach at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled make-up date.
- b) In cases where both coaches cannot agree on a make-up date, the Age Director will have the authority to set the date, time and place of the make-up game.
- c) Games played without the prior knowledge and consent of the Age Director could result in a forfeit to both teams. Games not made up before the last weekend of the season will be ruled a forfeit for one or both teams as determined by the Age Director.

14. Holiday Weekend Games

- a) If the MYSL schedules games on a holiday weekend, they shall be played as scheduled with the exception of Memorial Day weekend games which shall be treated as rescheduled games according to Rule 11 (Rescheduling Games). All of these games **MUST** be rescheduled to be played prior to Memorial Day weekend.
- b) If teams want to play on Memorial Day weekend, they must inform the appropriate Age Director no later than the second weekend of the season, otherwise the game **MUST** be rescheduled. The Age Director will only allow the game to be played on Memorial Day weekend if the league Referee Assignor determines that it is possible to schedule a USSF certified referee.
- c) Teams attending or wait-listed for a Memorial Day weekend tournament **MUST** reschedule their games