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5. Rescheduling by Teams

All requests to reschedule a game must first get approval from their CLUB to reschedule. The League will not accept, in fact will ignore any rescheduling requests that come from a TEAM – all requests need to come from the CLUB.

Once club approval is given, the club or team must contact the League to notify them of the rescheduling request. This request must be received by the League no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the game.

Any schedule change requests from the Club requires payment of an administrative 'rescheduling fee' of \$10, payable to the League. This fee will be calculated annually and billed to each Club at the end of the season

Once League notification is given the game will be flagged as a 'rain delay' in the schedule and will be subject to one of the following:

1. Played in original schedules date and time (no change);
2. Be successfully rescheduled by reaching an agreed to date, time, and location with the opposing team;
3. Be forfeited by the requesting team for not reaching an agreed to date, time, and location with the opposing team before the original game date.

Rescheduling Procedures

If Club approval to reschedule is given to reschedule, the requesting team must follow these steps to reschedule:

- Step 1. Contact the opposing team coach and receive agreement from the opposing team coach to reschedule the game. The opposing team has the right to decline rescheduling; if the request is declined the game shall either be played as originally scheduled or the game shall be declared a 3-0 and the rescheduling process ends. If the opposing team agrees to rescheduling, the reschedule process shall continue.
- Step 2. The requesting team must reach agreement with the opposing team on a new game date, time, and location with the opposing team coach. If agreement cannot be reached before the original game date the game shall be recorded as a 3-0 forfeit loss by the requesting team.

Step 3. The requesting team shall notify the League with the rescheduling results (new date, time, location if successful OR notice that they were unable to reschedule the game).

The League will then either reschedule the game or wait until the game date passes and record the game as a forfeit loss.

This notice must occur ON OR BEFORE the originally scheduled game time - failure to agree on a new date, time, and location by this date will result in forfeit loss by the team requesting the reschedule.

Failure to reach agreement with the opposing coach on any of the above items shall result in the game being declared a 3-0 forfeit win for the opposing team, unless the League Coordinator deems:

- (a) The reason for a reschedule request is legitimate and should be permitted or
- (b) It is necessary to play the game due to the importance of the results in league standings.

In such cases, the League Coordinator shall intercede in the rescheduling.

Rescheduling during play-offs is not permitted.

6. Rescheduling by League

Games will be automatically scheduled by the league in cases where:

- The game official does not appear for the match.
- The referee judges the field to be unfit for play.
- Weather factors such as an electrical storm which in the opinion of the referee, warrant not playing the game or its abandonment.
- Other unforeseen circumstances, such as an act of God.

Any reschedules set by the HSL will stand.