

Scheduling and Schedule Changes

The league recognizes that there are higher priorities than soccer and, therefore, will allow teams to reserve a limited number of days as “no game” dates prior to scheduling. Travel teams are expected to be organized enough to understand and be able to identify these obligations in advance of the league scheduling process. Each team will be allowed to request up to four weekend days off each season at the time of season entrance. This request must be made on the season entrance form. Provisions may be made to change schedules for the very rare instance where a higher priority was not planned in advance.

1. All games must be played once the schedule is published.
2. Requests for schedule changes once the schedule is published will only be allowed for the following reasons and must be made as soon as the conflict is discovered:
 - State Cup Match Conflict.
 - Soccer Tournament Conflict.
 - Loss of Field – Due to closure or unplayable conditions.
 - Cancelled match due to weather related conditions.
 - ODP Conflict – As an EPYS program, that LVYSL encourages for all league players, ODP conflicts will be considered based on the number of requesting team’s players involved.
3. Each team may have one discretionary reschedule, at a fee of \$50, beyond the reasons stated above.
4. No regular season games will be scheduled on the following weekends to minimize conflicts with tournaments: Columbus Day, Easter and Memorial Day.
5. The reschedule process must be initiated by contacting the opposing team as soon as possible and no later than 24-hours after a team becomes aware of the need to reschedule.
 - a. Authorized representatives of the teams (rostered: coaches, assistant coaches, or team managers) must come to an agreement regarding the place, date, and time for the rescheduled game before submitting an email request to **scheduling@lvysl.org**.
 - b. If the two coaches cannot agree upon a new date, time and location the Executive Director will arbitrate the disagreement and will have the final say as to when and where the game will be played. Notify the Executive Director if the opposing club does not respond in a timely manner to suggested offerings of reschedule dates.
 - c. It is the responsibility of the requesting coach or club representative to determine field availability **prior** to the filing the request.
 - d. After a new date, time and location has been agreed to by both teams, an authorized representative of the requesting coach’s club must submit the agreed upon reschedule request, via e-mail, to the executive director, referee assignor and opposing team representative.
 - e. The opposing club representative must respond, via e-mail, to the Reschedule Request within 24 hours ‘reply to all’.
 - f. The executive director will send team representative and the referee assignor an e-mail to confirm the schedule change
6. Games occurring in the last two weeks of a season: Reschedules within the last two weeks of play must be submitted within 72 hours after the original scheduled game time.
7. Reschedule requests not meeting league criteria may be rejected and risk being deemed a forfeit.

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8. A 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 and fines.
9. Failure to abide by these Reschedule Rules and deadlines will result in a charge to the cancelling team's club for all referee fees associated with the cancelled game.
10. Please note that if the team cancels the game and the reschedule is denied due to it not meeting the rules for an acceptable reschedule the game will be deemed a forfeit. (See #2 above) or the team may use the discretionary reschedule request as long as the opposing team agrees.
11. Referee fees will be owed for game cancellations due to forfeit.
12. It is each team's responsibility to understand and apply these rules accordingly. Any questions regarding schedule change requirements should be directed to the Executive Director.
13. Frivolous use of the reschedule process by submitting reschedules that are clearly not allowed by these rules or otherwise violate these rules will result in club fines of \$50 per occurrence. Additional fines will be determined by the LVYSL Board on a case-by-case basis depending on frequency and severity of the abuse.

A. Weather Related Postponements

1. League Postponements:

In the event of widespread inclement weather, the league may postpone all league games. Postponements shall be made at least two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first game of the day.

2. Team Postponements:

The home team official may postpone an individual game because of weather or poor field conditions. If a game is to be postponed, the home team official must make a **phone call to the referee assignor to cancel the game a minimum two hours prior to game time**. Please check the website for current referee assignor contact information. Games must be rescheduled within 72 hours of the original date.

3. Referee Postponements:

The referee also has the discretion to declare a field unplayable. In the event the referee declares the field unplayable prior to the beginning of the match, the home team shall pay the referee their portion of the appropriate fee.

B. Late Team Arrival

1. There will be a maximum of fifteen minutes allowed for lateness, after which time the referee will declare a forfeit.
2. Seven players are required for an 11 v 11 game to start play. Six players are required for 9 v 9 and 7 v 7 games. A match may not continue if less than a minimum number of players are available for either team.
3. A team may play short while an injured player is tended to. If the injured player can not return the game may not be continued.
4. In the event of a forfeit where the game was not played:
 - The referee(s) shall immediately refund any fees collected at the field.
 - The referee will report the forfeit to the referee assignor.
 - A check will be issued to the referee(s) by the LVYSL and deducted from the performance bond of forfeiting team's club.
5. For late referee arrivals see *Referee Information and Responsibilities*