

Regular Season Game Cancellation & Rescheduling Policy

Importance of Playing Games as Scheduled

It is essential for all teams to make every effort to play their scheduled games. Cancellations should only be made in extreme circumstances, such as severe weather conditions, field closures, or unforeseen emergencies. A head coach's availability, if there are assistant coaches available from the team, should not be the only factor in requesting a game to be cancelled.

Cancellation Procedures

Games cancelled due to field closures or cancelled by AYSA due to extreme weather or any other circumstance, do not require a formal cancellation request be submitted and *do not result in fees assessed.

The following is the procedure to be followed for cancelling a game at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled start of the game to be cancelled. If the cancellation is done less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled start time, the following procedure is to be followed BUT the cancelling club's BOR must also directly contact the AYSA's President and Referee Assigner, and the opposing club's BOR to advise them of the cancellation.

- 1. Cancellation Requests:** All game cancellations must be initiated by the club's representative to the AYSA Board of Representatives (BOR) from the team requesting to cancel the game.
- 2. Cancellation Request Format:** All game cancellation requests must be done via the approved form found online at aysasoccer.org
- 3. Cancellation Fees:**
 - A \$10 fine will be imposed on the requesting club for each cancelled game.
 - After two cancellations for any individual team, the fine will increase to \$25 for each additional cancelled game for that team.
 - Any game cancellation request submitted less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled start of the game will result in an additional \$10 fine for the requesting club.
- 4. Confirmation:** Once a cancellation request has been submitted, it will be shared via email with the requesting club's BOR and the BOR of the opposing team's club, as well as the AYSA Referee Assigner. This will be the only communication concerning the cancellation request unless the request should be denied for any reason.

**If a game is cancelled by club request but the game subsequently would not have been played due to field closure or another reason, this will not result in the waiver of the fee for the initial cancellation request.*

Rescheduling Cancelled Games

- 1. Rescheduling Process:** Cancelled games may be rescheduled at the discretion of the BORs for the two teams involved.
- 2. Scheduling Coordination:** Once a new date and time are agreed upon, the BORs must contact the AYSA Referee Assigner to request a referee for the rescheduled game.
 - There is no guarantee of referee availability for rescheduled games.
- 3. Schedule Updates:** There will be no changes or updates made to the published AYSA schedule to reflect rescheduled games. All communication about rescheduled games will be the sole responsibility of the clubs and teams involved.

Note: This policy is subject to change at the discretion of AYSA's governing body.

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