

## Game Cancellations

### *Cancellations due to conflicting city events:*

- 1) Once notified by the city of an event to take place on a soccer field, the Club Manager or her delegate will update the 'Field Status' website to show this blackout. As these events are normally planned at the beginning of the season, the coaches will be aware of the blackouts and have more than enough time to change practice fields.
- 2) Should the event be rescheduled, the website will be updated in the 'Field Status' section of the website.

### *Cancellations due to inclement weather:*

- 1) Rain happens!
- 2) It is in the best interests of the Club and the cities to keep the fields playable and in the best possible condition for season.
- 3) Teams are to report to the field at game time, rain or shine.
- 4) The referee will walk the field and use the guidelines provided by the cities to determine if the field is playable. If the referee finds that the field is not fit for play, he/she will advise the coaches from both teams of the decision. The decision of the referee is final.
- 5) The website shall not be updated for future cancellations based on the current conditions. Teams and officials will continue, throughout the day, to report for their games regardless of earlier cancellations.
- 6) Games may be cancelled prior to the start of the game or while the game is in session if an electrical or thunder storm develops. The referee will stop a game as soon as he/she sees lightning or hears a thunder crack. The decision made by the referee is final in this case.

### *Cancellations due to city closure:*

- 1) The cities have the right to close their fields if they feel that the accumulation of water is sufficient to merit the closure.
- 2) The cities shall communicate the closures to the Club, Manager or her delegate.
- 3) The Club Manager or her delegate shall have the 'Field Status' updated for the fields in question.
- 4) The Club Manager or her delegate shall have a message broadcast on the front page of the website as well in order to draw attention to this closure beyond our control.
- 5) The Club Manager or her delegate shall communicate the information to the Region so that the PTS website can be updated as well with the notice of the field closure. This would imply that a field closure would automatically trigger a reschedule of a match other than local House League games, which are not normally rescheduled.
- 6) In the rare case of a city worker closing a field prior to the start of a game for poor conditions, the decision is not to be questioned. The referee shall advise the Club Manager of the situation. The Club Manager or her delegate shall ascertain

from the city official if the closure is for an hour, a day or longer. The Club Manager or her delegate will then proceed with points 3, 4 and 5 of this section.

***Cancellations by coaches:***

- 1) Games shall not be rescheduled by coaches themselves. No House League games will be rescheduled by the Club during the regular season. Coaches and players should present themselves to the field whether or not they have the ability to field a team. Coaches shall make every effort to use the farm system to ensure that they have a sufficient number of players to field a competitive team.
- 2) No House League game can be cancelled by the mutual consent of the coaches at any level. Intercity and Elite teams should follow the guidelines provided by their respective governing bodies in this respect.

***Rescheduling cancellations or rain outs:***

- 1) Cancelled games for the Elite, Intercity(A and AA), House League Division 3 and the Lakeshore U-21 divisions shall be rescheduled either by the Region or the Lakeshore scheduler, depending on the division.
- 2) Rain outs in House League (U-04-U-16) will not be rescheduled by the Club. However, if a House League game cannot be played due to weather; both coaches have the option to use the adhoc booking system on our web site. In this case, each coach would book a half field with their credit on the same field to have their game. They should then attempt to secure officials for that new game by contacting the referee in chief. If officials cannot be secured for the re-match, it is suggested that the coaches referee a half game each.