

## Game Cancellation Policy

**MAYSA does not cancel games due to weather.** Since MAYSA is so widespread (Dane County and beyond) it is not possible to monitor the conditions of all of our fields. Use your best judgment when deciding if your field is safe to play on. For U6 through U8 leagues, prior to the start of any game, the determination as to whether or not the game shall be played is up to the coaches and ultimately the HOME coach.

For U9 and older games, after **7am** on the day of the game, the decision to cancel a match rests with the referee.

Once the game has started, the decision to stop play rests solely with the referee. If the game is called prior to half time, the game is to be re-played in its entirety. If the game is called at halftime or any point thereafter, the game is considered a complete game and the final score stands.

MAYSA strongly discourages any game be cancelled due to *anticipated* weather conditions.

**Coaches should make a determination by 7:00am** on the day of the match as to whether or not recent or current weather conditions warrant considering the cancellation of a game. This allows both coaches ample opportunity to notify all players and officials.

Cancellation for Weather or Field Condition procedure:

1. Investigate weather forecasts.
2. Making a trip to the location of the game to investigate field conditions is strongly recommended.
3. **Make a determination by 7:00am** on the day of the match.
4. **For Rec Games**, the HOME Coach is responsible for contacting their club's licensed referee assignor and notifying them of the cancellation. Contact your soccer club if you don't know who your club's referee assignor is.
5. **For Competitive Games** (Classic, State Premier and First Division) , HOME Coaches should notify Linda Huttenhoff (lhuttenhoff@maysa.org or 276-9030) as soon as possible about game cancellations due to weather, so that she may cancel the referees.

MAYSA reserves the right to issue stronger penalties for failure to observe these notification procedures will have at least the following consequences to the team's club:

- Not notifying the opposing team: \$50 fine
- Not notifying the referee(s): Fine equal to the total fees due to the referee(s).

## Forfeit Criteria

A grace period of ten minutes beyond the scheduled game time is permitted for teams to arrive, after which time the game is declared a forfeit by the absent/understaffed team.

Each team must have the following minimum number of players present for a match to commence:

U7 and U8	3 players
U9 and U10	4 players (including goalkeeper)
U11 and U12	6 players (including goalkeeper)
U13 and older	7 players (including goalkeeper)
HS Small Sided	6 players (including goalkeeper)

For leagues in which scores are kept, a forfeit will be recorded as a 0-1 loss for the absent/  
understaffed team.