

GAMES COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines serve in promoting the understanding of the procedures and rules the games committee follows. We schedule games, reschedule postponements, align age group divisions, and monitor scores. These guidelines are instituted to assist coaches, administrators, and committee members to assure that the season runs smoothly minimizing any problems. Good communication is the key.

| Age | Half's | Field size | Referee Fee | AR Fee | Team Fee per Game |
|------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| U-9 | 2x25 | Development | \$42 | | \$21 |
| U-10 | 2x25 | Development | \$42 | | \$21 |
| U-11 | 2x30 | Small | \$47 | | \$23.50 |
| U-12 | 2x30 | Small | \$47 | | \$23.50 |
| U-13 | 2x35 | Large | \$57 | \$29 each AR | \$57.50 |
| U-14 | 2x35 | Large | \$57 | \$29 each AR | \$57.50 |
| U-15 | 2x40 | Large | \$71 | \$36 each AR | \$71.50 |
| U-16 | 2x40 | Large | \$71 | \$36 each AR | \$71.50 |
| U-17 | 2x40 | Large | \$71 | \$36 each AR | \$71.50 |
| U-19 | 2x45 | Large | \$81 | \$41 each AR | \$81.50 |

REFEREE PAYMENTS:

Referee payment on the field continues with the fee structure below. **If the referee, including the ARs, are not paid prior to the game, then the game will not be played.**

Each team pays half of each official's fee including the ARs, separately. Each team must have the exact amount to pay the referee/AR fee(s). The Coach will pay their share to each official who is present regardless if the other team fails to show up. If the referee cancels/postpones the game due to an unplayable field or lightning, the referees still must be paid. If a team does not appear for a scheduled game, they will forfeit the game. Non-forfeiting team must pay its share of the fees. The League will pay the fees for the forfeiting team.

COMMUNICATION AND CHAIN OF COMMAND

When a Coach seeks a resolution from the Games Committee of a game issue, the coach who is contacting the Games Committee must have: game ID number, the opposing coach's info, and the game assigned Referee's phone number to give the Games Committee. The initial contact should be made to the Supervisor. If Supervisor is unavailable, then follow the chain of command below in the subsequent call/emails. **Please do not call the LIJSL office as they will direct you to games, who is best able to assist every issue.**

- Club Officials, Coaches, Team Administrators/Managers must first contact the Division Supervisor
- The Division Supervisor communicates with the Age Group Coordinator, as required.
- The Coordinator communicates with the Saturday or Sunday Boys or Girls Director, as required.
- The Saturday or Sunday Boys or Girls Director communicates with the Boys or Girls Chairperson
- The Boys or Girls Chairperson communicates with the Games Chairperson.
- The Games Chairperson communicates with the Board of Directors of LIJSL, if necessary.

| Chain of Command | Name | Contact |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Boys and Girls Division Supervisor | Listed in online scoring system and on your schedule | |
| Boys and Girls Division Coordinator | Listed in online scoring system and on your schedule | |
| GIRLS AGE GROUPS | | |
| Girls Saturday Director | Dolores Jose | 516-742-7798 |
| Girls Sunday Director | Patty Myers | 516-433-5951 |
| Girls Chairman | Peter Mortensen | 516-322-0532 |
| BOYS AGE GROUPS | | |
| Boys Saturday Director | Peter Mura | 201-286-3940 |
| Boys Sunday Director | Joe Piacentino | 631 807-8236 |
| Boys Chairman | Steve Stutman | 516-921-4326 |
| BOYS AND GIRLS | | |
| Games Chairman | Kosta Siskidis | 631-224-5900 |
| OTHER NUMBERS | | |
| LIJSL Office Telephone | Mon.-Fri 9-4 | 631-648-9020 Fax 631-648-9025 |
| Referees Office | Nanci Apostolides | 631-648-8877 Fax 631-648-8875 |

APPEALS

Decisions made by the Games Committee must be appealed within 5 business days of notification of the decision. Appeals are filed by the Member Clubs who will bear responsibility for adherence to the rules regarding disputes. Decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding unless and until overturned under appeal as provided for in **Rule 6, Part 4**.

REFEREE NO-SHOW - U9 through U12

If the assigned Referee fails to appear for a U9 to U12 game LIJSL rules state the game must be played. Both coaches must agree on a volunteer substitute Referee, or a double forfeit will be declared. The Volunteer Referee must complete the entire game. Games officiated by a Volunteer Referee cannot be protested. The Volunteer Referee is not paid. The home team when entering their score, should click on the little referee icon next to their team and check there was no referee for the game

REFEREE NO-SHOW – U13 through U19

In the U13 through U20 age groups, if the Referee fails to appear the game **MUST** be rescheduled, no exceptions.

RESCHEDULING ISSUES

SCHEDULING OF A TO BE SCHEDULED MATCH if your schedule says 1/1/9999 this is a to be scheduled game.

If your Division schedule contains a 1-1-9999 the home team must present to the away team coach 2 or preferably 3 game date/time field options within 7 days from the day you received your schedule. Please remind those home coaches to do this to make things go smoothly. (See “Rescheduling Games process” below).

FIELDS SP1, SP2, SP3 etc.

If your Schedule has SP1, SP2, or SP3 in your location/field on the schedule for the field, you are playing at the Peter C. Collins Soccer Park in Plainview. Directions are on our website www.lijsoccer.com. In case of inclement weather an alert will be posted on our website stating the fields are closed, please call your referee and notify him/her. The home team must then call the visiting team to reschedule the game at the home team’s field. **You cannot** change a game time for a game scheduled at the Peter C. Collins Soccer Park.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POSTPONEMENTS (Rule 5, Part 10)

On days with questionable weather or field conditions, the Supervisor or Coordinator can only accept game postponements from the Home Coach. The Division Supervisor must be notified of this up to 2 hours **BEFORE GAME TIME**. Note: if the game is not postponed prior to 2 hours of the scheduled game, **BOTH TEAMS MUST APPEAR ON THE FIELD** and only the Referee can decide the status of the game. If a Club closes the fields for any reason (inclement weather, loss of use, etc.) the Club/coach must notify the Division Supervisor or Coordinator as soon as possible. If the postponement was accepted and it is later discovered at any time that the field was artificial turf (especially if the game before and after was played), then the home team may be charged with a forfeit. If a team calls the Division Supervisor to cancel a game with approved time notice, the home Coach must give him the game number, and the opposing coach’s phone number so that the supervisor can verify with them of the game cancellation. No game should be postponed without notification to a Games Committee member (Supervisor, Coordinator, or Director, etc.). This can result in a double forfeit. **(Rule 5, Part 13)** After notifying the opposing coach and division supervisor **you must call the assigned referee to cancel the game** all no less than 2 hours before kick off.

GAME PRIORITY

Eastern New York State Cup, LI Cup, LIJSL league games: this is the order of priority for game postponement and rescheduling. The Coach must call the division supervisor as soon as the Coach has knowledge of any game conflict due to the Coach’s team’s continuation in the ENY State or LI Cup. A Coach who has a ENY State Cup or LI Cup conflict must cancel the Coach’s league game within 96 hours after the completion of the Coach’s last round of ENY State Cup or LI Cup game with the consent of League Division Supervisor, if the above procedure is not followed, the Coach may be charged with a league game forfeit. **No one can postpone the game without the approval of the Games Committee.**

GAME CONFLICT POSTPONEMENTS (Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association State Cup Games)

The only time a team may postpone a game for an ENY State Cup Game is if they are playing away off Long Island or have a semi-final game that are all scheduled on Saturday with a rain date of Sunday. If they are the home team or they are playing another LIJSL team, they cannot reschedule a league game, the ENY State Cup Game must be played on your off day. The affected coach must notify the ENY State Cup Game immediately if an ENY State Cup game conflicts with a scheduled League game. Avoid scheduling a league make-up game on ENY State Cup or LI Cup weekend. Notification of Cup conflicts must be made to the Division Supervisor, Coordinator, and any other team that will be impacted. We will only honor changes for the ENY State Cup Games. **A COACH MUST CANCEL THEIR LEAGUE GAME WITHIN 96 HOURS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR LAST ROUND STATE CUP GAME, IF NOT THEY MAY BE CHARGED WITH A LEAGUE GAME FORFEIT.**

GAME CHANGE REQUESTS (President agreed postponements (2 games) 16 days

Teams will be allowed up to a maximum of 2 game changes per season only with the written approval from their Club President. The coach must notify their Division Supervisor 16 days in advance of the original game date so the change is entered into the scoring system 16 days in advance. When calling the Supervisor, the coach requesting the change must email their Club President’s approval of the request to postpone the game and field scheduler’s verification of field availability to the division supervisor.

RESCHEDULING GAMES PROCESS

Step 1

Home Team Requests: If the team postponing the game is the home team, the Supervisor needs to remind the home Coach that they have seven (7) days to submit two dates and preferably a third one to reschedule the game. Consider weekdays as farther into the season it gets dark later or if you have a field with lights.

Away Team Requests: If the away team Coach is requesting a game change, the Supervisor must call the home team Coach to inform them that they have (7) days to submit two dates and preferably a third one for possible make-ups.

Step 2

When the home Coach gives the Division Supervisor the new dates, time and field, please include the Field Scheduler's email indicating agreement & availability for those dates and the away team coach agreement to the date and time.

If the opponent does not agree to any of those dates within two days, then the Division Supervisor must refer the matter to his age group Coordinator, who will then resolve the game pursuant to the Guidelines. The Coordinator's decision is final.

If the home team coach does not provide the Division Supervisor and away team coach with alternate game dates within the required time frame, then the Division Supervisor must confer with the Coordinator prior to issuing a forfeit to the home team.

The Supervisor must also verify that the rescheduled game is not the sole game in the middle of the day. If it is then, it must be questioned and rescheduled to an acceptable time.

Step 3

The Supervisor notifies the Division Coordinator of the agreed reschedule including the game ID, date, time and field name/number and verification from the home team's field scheduler approving the change.

Step 4

The Division Coordinator then enters the changes into the scoring system of the agreed upon rescheduled game date. The Coaches and the Games Committee members should receive an email from the scoring system of game changes. If the coach doesn't receive an email from the system@lijlsoccer.com within 48 hours of the rescheduling by the coordinator, the coach must call the Supervisor immediately and make sure the change gets put in the system. Do not wait until the last minute to check if the change was made.

The above procedure applies to all postponed, rescheduled and 1/1/999 to be scheduled games.

PLAYING FIELD:

Home team coach is responsible that the playing field will be ready for kick off at the time listed on your game schedule and for proper field lining, placement and securing of goals; corner flags, field and goal size appropriate to the age group and field conditions. If for any reason there is no playing field available for the scheduled game time after 15 minutes the home team will get a forfeit.

FIELD CHANGE ONLY WHEN DATE AND GAME TIME REMAIN THE SAME:

The home team Coach must assign a person to stay at the original game location and redirect everyone from the opposing team to the new location. That person must stay until the game starts. If not, and we receive a complaint that an away team member was lost going to the new location, then the home team may be charged with a forfeit.

ONLINE SCORING:

Before the first game of the season, please log onto the LIJSL scoring system to make sure that you have a working user name and password so that you can enter into the LIJSL scoring system.

The Home Team's Coach should enter the scores by 6 p.m. on the day of the game unless it is an evening game. Both coaches, as well as Games Committee members, will receive a confirmation email each weekend to confirm the score for that game. If the score is not entered, the Home team could be assessed a fine. All forfeits must be called into your Division Supervisor, who will then enter the forfeit into the system, after **concurrence with the Coordinator**. If a Coach has a problem entering his score, he/she may call the score into their Supervisor who can input it for them. Please call the League office for help for accessing the scoring system if you are unable to get in.