

GTSC has received notice from the referee coordinator that there have been several requests to cancel/reschedule games. First, coaches should make every attempt to play games as scheduled. Players and parents sign up and pay for a season's worth of games, expecting eight games. Statistics show that only about 50% of canceled games are successfully rescheduled and played. Also, participants and parents expect games will be played on Saturdays and make their personal schedules accordingly, and when a game is rescheduled for a day other than Saturday, invariably some players are not able to make the rescheduled time and still miss out on the game through no fault of their own.

I have included the applicable language regarding game cancellations from the KVSL Rules of Play:

- 1. Games may be canceled due to bad weather only by the field referee, the club or KVSL. If marginal conditions exist, the Referee at the field makes the final decision.
- 2. A Coach may not cancel a game due to key players being unavailable (such as out of town for tournaments or competitive league play).
- 3. The home coach must also notify the Club Referee Coordinator of canceled games in adequate time to cancel the Referee(s).
- 4. If Referee(s) show up for a game that has been canceled, the home Club (not KVSL) must pay the referee(s).
- 5. If a coach knows that he will not have the minimum number of field players for his age group available to play on the date/time scheduled, the game must be made up either the week prior to or after the scheduled date.
- 6. The referee coordinator must file an e-mail report to KVSL-VP listing any games not played each week. An end of year report of home games not made up should also be submitted. GTSC needs the coaches of each teams to contact the referee coordinator if you are unable to play or a game is canceled.
- 7. For U8 and below, non-played games should be reported to the ref coordinator as well, for inclusion in the VP summary.

Not making up games is a serious matter as children/parents have expectation of 7 or 8 games a season. Failure to make up game will result in disciplinary action. Our fields are very heavily scheduled for practices, with more than 30 teams using them weekly, many of them twice. It is difficult to find an open time on Greif Brothers fields, especially at the U9 and above level as we only have two game fields for those age groups. Finally, referees must be secured. The referee coordinator does a great job but it does require extra work on his part and a willingness and availability of the referees to take on the new assigned time. Please, HELP us by showing up on time and playing the scheduled games.