

## If you need to reschedule a game...

Please follow the protocol below for rescheduling games. Remember, games should only be rescheduled if there is a rain out, field conflict, school game conflict, or school related activity. Games should not be rescheduled for convenience sake only.

By default, any games not played during the week will be rescheduled to a Sunday time slot of the same week. There are circumstances that come up where playing the game Sunday is a problem. For this reason, there is an exception. If the 2 managers can agree on an alternate date and time, you may reschedule the game to another week. This must be completed and submitted to the scheduler (Todd Kurland) BEFORE the game time on Sunday. Remember, we want to give players, coaches and umpires the time to rework their schedule.

Suggestions for rescheduling games: play another day, another time, play on another field, play a double header, play a game on a Sunday (Sunday slots are reserved for make-ups). Most towns are very accommodating and will usually help other towns with field use should their home field not be available.

- The Team needing to reschedule a game should contact the other team's manager.
  - The list of managers and contacts is posted on the 495 Web Site on the right menu or can be found on any team page.
  - It is recommended that you print a copy and keep it with you at all times in case of an emergency or if you need to cancel a game because of weather.
- The home team should check field availability and let the opposing manager know what time the game will be played on the following Sunday.
- If the Sunday date and time cannot be used, the team needing to reschedule should propose a few dates, times, fields, etc. to the opposing manager.
- The date and time should be agreed upon by both teams
- The team needing to reschedule should contact the scheduler (Todd Kurland) and let him know what the new date, time and field will be. *Please reference the game number which can be found in the "notes" section of the game listing.*
- The home team manager should then contact the Umpire in Chief (UIC) for their town so he can reschedule umpires for the make-up game. (UIC info is on the manager contact sheet)

### 1. RAIN OUT PROCEDURE (copied from the official 495 League Rules book)

- a. HOME / VISITOR TEAM designation on the web site: The team designated on the schedule as HOME / VISITOR is for purposes of which team bats first only.
  - i. FIELD OWNER: Is the team that owns the field.
  - ii. HOME TEAM and FIELD OWNER may be different teams.
  - iii. **NOTE:** When the schedule is made, the rule used was to balance the number of times each team was HOME and VISITOR. The result is that you may play at an out-of-town field, but you may be the HOME TEAM. Example, Marlboro plays at Hudson but Marlboro is listed as the HOME TEAM. Hudson is the FIELD OWNER.

- b. If a game is rained out, the Field Owner should notify the League Scheduler ASAP for a new game slot.
- c. Sundays are reserved for make-up games that could not be played that week. By default, all teams should expect to make up a rained-out game the next Sunday on the schedule. (For instance, if a game on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> is rained out, that game will be rescheduled for the first available game slot on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>)
- d. If the teams wants to reschedule the game for a different date and time (other than the following Sunday) both teams must agree to a date and the date must be submitted to the scheduler BEFORE the default Sunday game time.
- e. The **Home Team's organization pays** for the umpires even if the Home Team is not the Field Owner.
- f. In the rare case that a makeup puts two out of town teams on a 3rd field (example Hudson (H) plays Westboro (V) on Stevens Lower in Marlboro, the responsibility is the HOME TEAM, Hudson in this example)