

## Weather Game Cancellations Procedures

### **Travel Games**

1) It is usually up to the traveling team to cancel the game. If you are the coach of the team, please make that determination as soon as feasible. This gives the hosting team time to cancel refs and notify their team. Not cancelling refs in time can cost over \$150/game and the other team may have players traveling a long way to their home rink.

2) If the game is a CHC game, you can find the people you should call on their website. Please look first under team contacts, if there is a scheduler listed, that would be your first CALL (no emails for game cancellation, you have to talk to a live person), second is the coach. If the information is not on the team contacts page, look at the contact page on the main page and start with the scheduler. All of the CHC uses the same website as we do, so navigating should be fairly familiar.

If you are playing a team outside the CHC, please contact the scheduler (me in most cases for now) for contact info at the first suspicion of problem.

3) Once the cancellation decision has been made, please contact me (Cell: 845-891-4534 or Home: 845-855-5085) and your team parent to notify the troops. I have found that if you have a procedure set up for notification of the players in place before one of these events happen, it saves A LOT OF TIME and trouble. For instance, for the Bantams, emailed everyone letting them know when a decision would be made (by 5pm today) and the decision would be emailed to them. I also asked that everyone respond to the original email, so we know who we have to call. This, hopefully covers all the bases as efficiently as possible. Whatever works for your team.

### **For Hosting Games:**

1) There is additional twist to consider because of our location relative to other teams. Frequently our weather is worse than down county or along the CT coast.

So, while the call is made by the traveling team, please take a look at where the team is coming from.

You may want to contact the coach to have a conversation as a courtesy. If a coach calls you to cancel a game, please call me ASAP (Cell: 845-891-4534 or Home: 845-855-5085) please make sure you speak to me so I can cancel the refs without any cost to us. Please contact your team parent next. Again, it would be helpful to have a notification procedure that everyone is aware of and covers all bases.

If the traveling team calls the scheduler, he/she will notify me, you and your team parent (right after I call the refs), so please provide the scheduler with a number that you can be reached.

### **Travel or Hosting:**

Our refs come to the games no matter what the weather, so please do not assume that the weather is bad so they wouldn't show up.

Whenever possible, we have to give 12 hours notice to cancel. Please keep that in mind for the early games...try to make a decision the night before. The decision may not always seem correct but I know everyone will err on the side of safety. Last minute bad conditions happen and are unavoidable, so please follow the same protocol, if you wake up to icy conditions (call the scheduler/coach, then me, then your team)

We have to be meteorologists, which is an inexact science. We haven't had too many weather related game cancellations in the past, but I fear our luck is going to run out.

I welcome any comments and suggestions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Melissa Geiger