

# Game Reschedule Policy and Implementation

Rescheduling of games will be done according to Rule 12.1 in the SOP. That section states that Games will be rescheduled on the next available date unless one or more of the following factors is present, except the President may decide to override these factors to ensure minimum number of regular season games can be played:

1. That date will force a team to play games on 3 consecutive days;
2. That date will require a team to play 4 games in one week; or
3. No field is available for that date.

**This applies to all player pitch levels.** If one of these factors is present, then the game is rescheduled for the first available date when none of those factors are present. Except as discussed below, no games shall be rescheduled by the participating managers. Schedule conflicts that were considered in making initial game schedules shall not be considered in rescheduling games. In some cases, this may result in Assistant Coaches managing the team for the game. While that situation is not ideal, it is preferable to putting off make-up games until later in the season when there may be other games to reschedule.

Due to our desire to support the SYA Travel Program, which plays games on Sundays, we will not initially reschedule Majors, AAA, or AA games on Sundays. Should we start to fall behind on make-up games, however, the Board may vote to start scheduling make-up games on Sundays. Should the Board take that action, consistent with the SYA Travel Program's policy of not interfering with the Little League House season, it is expected that travel players will give SYA Little League games priority over travel games. If an SYA Little League team must forfeit a game due to insufficient players, the Board will not consider players missing Little League games to play in travel games as an "extraordinary circumstance" justifying rescheduling the Little League game under Section 9.6.3 of the SOP (see below).

Notwithstanding this policy, if both Majors, AAA, or AA Managers inform the League Commissioner that they can field a team on a Sunday, the League Commissioner should inform the Scheduling Coordinator at once and the game will be scheduled on Sunday, weather and field conditions permitting.

For games that are cancelled at the Machine Pitch level and below and not made up on Sunday, the league will not reschedule those games. Rather, both Managers shall agree to play the game during the week and during one of the team's practice time slots. Any games rescheduled in this manner,

must be cleared in advance with the League Commissioner and Schedule Coordinator to ensure field availability.

Managers and League Commissioners should be on notice that the rescheduling of games will bump teams from practice slots. Any team losing a practice slot due to a rescheduled game should consult their League Commissioner for an alternate practice time and location.

Once the game is scheduled, the game will be played on that date. If the player pitch Manager believes he cannot field a team on that date, he must follow the procedures outlined in Local Rule 9.6.3. That section provides:

If a manager believes there were extraordinary circumstances that will prevent him or her from fielding a team, he/she should notify the Vice President of the League and the playing level Commissioner in writing – 48 hours prior to a regularly scheduled game or 24 hours prior to a scheduled makeup games unless the makeup game is scheduled for the day after the game was postponed, then the deadline is noon of game day. At the Majors level, the manager should consider the use of the Player Pool in such situations as rescheduling games is not an ideal situation. The League Committee will make a recommendation to the President if the game should be rescheduled or not.

All communication to the Schedule Coordinator about make-up games should be made through the appropriate League Commissioner.