

# SYSA Game Rescheduling Policies

## Select and Premier Team Reschedules

SYSA's Seattle United teams play in a variety of different leagues that have their own guidelines and steps for cancelling and rescheduling games. These guidelines are distributed at the beginning of league play. Please contact the SYSA game scheduler Jessica Beckton at [sysa.scheduler@gmail.com](mailto:sysa.scheduler@gmail.com) well in advance of any needed reschedule to allow time to work out an alternate reschedule date.

## U10 and Older Recreational Teams Reschedules

(NOTE: Reschedule requests for U6 to U9 games should go to the club, not SYSA)

***It is difficult or impossible to reschedule a recreational fall Citywide League game in SYSA.***

The multiple constraints SYSA works under – thousands of game schedules, limited resources, limited field availability – make it extremely difficult to reschedule games. Teams are required to respect the effort and planning that goes into creating a schedule, and the impact that any changes have on staff, referees, and families.

**Absent Coaches** – If the coach cannot be at the game, they should designate a game-day substitute to manage the game for them. We recommend that all teams have an assist coach throughout the season to help with absent coaches. All coaches, even game-day substitutes, should have RMA clearances.

**Missing Players** – Please do all you can to make sure your players get to your games. A lack of substitute players is not a reason for rescheduling. Recreational league games at U12 and above can legally be played with as few as 7 players on the field. Most players welcome the opportunity for more playing time.

If it is absolutely necessary to try to reschedule a game, then follow these steps:

1. **Contact the coach of the opposing team** well in advance of the game (at least a week before) and ask if they would accept a reschedule.
2. If the opposing coach is willing to accept a reschedule, **try to find a few mutually agreeable weekend dates. You should only contact the SYSA Scheduler after coordinating with the opposing coach.**
3. **Contact the SYSA game scheduler** Jessica Beckton at [sysa.scheduler@gmail.com](mailto:sysa.scheduler@gmail.com) . Include the names of the teams, contact information for the coaches, and the date and time of the original game.
4. The SYSA game scheduler will investigate a reschedule option. Reschedules are at the discretion of the game scheduler. There is no guarantee that a game can or will be rescheduled.
5. An optional rescheduled game time must be acceptable to both team coaches to be confirmed. If teams cannot agree, then the team requesting the change will forfeit the original game.

If a team knows it cannot make a game and the game cannot be rescheduled, please contact the opponent and the SYSA game scheduler well in advance (at least a week before) so that SYSA can cancel the game, let the referees know, and use the field for another game, if possible. Thank you!