

GAME CANCELLATION/RESCHEDULE PROCEDURES

AYSA WEBSITE AND HOTLINE – GAME CANCELLATION MESSAGES

Weather-related cancellations will be posted on the AYSA website and a voicemail hotline. The website address is www.arrowheadsoccer.com. The AYSA Office Hotline number is (218) 624-1713. **This line is available to coaches and referees only.** On any day that games on any field are to be canceled, there will be an announcement on the AYSA voicemail system after 3:30 p.m. If you do not hear a cancellation message on the voicemail, assume your game will be played. Please discourage parents and players from using the hotline. We have three incoming phone lines at AYSA, and the lines can fill quickly. Encourage your parents to check the website or to wait for your call.

GAME CANCELLATIONS: WEATHER-RELATED

Game cancellations due to weather or field conditions will not be determined until 3:30 p.m. each day. Please inform parents and players to check the AYSA website on days of doubtful weather. Because technology can be inconsistent, we **strongly** recommend that coaches contact team families when games are canceled. Determining weather-related cancellations from a central location, two to four hours before game time, is a very inexact science. The weather can change quickly during summer evenings, so games may be canceled at the field by the referee.

GAME CANCELLATIONS INITIATED BY TEAM

If a coach finds it necessary to cancel a game, proper notice is as follows:

1. **Advise the AYSA office and the opposing team coach of the game cancellation at least one week before the game.** Call the AYSA office or email morgan@arrowheadsoccer.com to cancel the game and the referees.
2. Advise your club coordinator of the game cancellation and copy AYSA so all parties are aware.

GAME MAKE-UP PROCEDURE

Make-up games are the responsibility of the coaches involved and are made in the following steps:

1. Home team coaches should check with the AYSA office for available field dates and times and then confirm with their local field coordinator. Clubs using the Arlington, Jean Duluth and Rice Lake Park fields should check with the AYSA office. AYSA staff can be reached by phone at 624-1713 or email morgan@arrowheadsoccer.com.
2. The home team coach contacts the opposing coach to confirm the place, date, and time of the make-up game.
3. The home team coach calls AYSA to confirm the game so we can assign referees. Leave a message specifying the teams involved, date, time, and location of the make-up game. The Referee Coordinator will assign a referee for the game.

Make-up games cancelled or rescheduled at least one week in advance will be scheduled with a referee. For games cancelled/rescheduled less than one week from the original game date (except due to weather), referees for the make-up game will not be guaranteed, but we will do our best. In recent years, AYSA has experienced many last-minute changes, which have had an impact on our referees. This new rule aims to help with these last-minute changes and keep referees excited to referee.

AYSA WEATHER GUIDELINES

LIGHTNING

Referees are instructed to stop play if they see lightning or if they hear threatening thunder. Players, coaches, and spectators will be asked to leave the field and move to their vehicles. Generally, referees will suspend the game and ask players and coaches to remain at the site until it is determined whether the game can be safely restarted. Referees will restart play if it appears that the lightning passed over the area, and if at least fifteen minutes have passed since the last appearance of lightning. Referees will immediately cancel the game if the weather is too hazardous for players and coaches to remain in vehicles at the site. Coaches should never try to overrule a referee who has stopped play due to lightning or other weather hazards. Coaches should always inform the referee and remove their team from the field if they feel that the weather is hazardous.

HEAT AND WATER BREAKS

Referees may impose water breaks, shorten, or suspend games due to dangerously high heat. Teams with an inadequate number of substitutes may request and receive a two-minute running time water break in each half. This request must be made before the start of the game. The following are recommended minimum guidelines when there is a possibility of dangerous high heat index:

Heat Index	Recommended Guidelines
Up to 89°	Normal Play
90° - 99°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 5 minutes.
100° - 105°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 10 minutes.
105°+	Suspend play.

AIR QUALITY

The following precautions must be followed to determine the activity level when there is a possibility that air quality is unsafe. Check local air quality levels at <https://www.airnow.gov>. AYSA will use multiple air quality monitoring apps in order to make decisions on game days.

Air Quality Index	Recommended Guidelines
Green	Good – great day to be active outside!
Yellow	Moderate – Good day to be active outside. Those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution could have symptoms.
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups – it’s ok to be active outside, especially for short activities. For longer activities, such as practice, take more breaks and do less intense activities.
Red	Unhealthy – For all outdoor activities, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Consider moving longer or more intense activities indoors or rescheduling them to another day or time.
Purple	Very Unhealthy - Move all activities indoors or reschedule them to another day.

OTHER SAFETY ISSUES

Referees or local field coordinators may cancel games at the site if, in their opinion, field or weather conditions constitute a safety hazard or a hazard to long-term field conditions.

Games are considered complete if canceled after the first half of play has been completed.