

## GAMES GUIDELINES FOR COACHES FALL 2013

### Week of the Game

The Visiting Coach is responsible for contacting the Home Team Coach during the week prior to the game to find out directions to the game and confirm team colors to avoid conflicts.

### GAME DAY

Team members should be at the field thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled game time in uniform. A completed roster and player passes must be presented to the referee.

- Team captains must wear an armband.
- All players must wear shin guards
- Players must be in proper uniform (long boxer shorts worn under shorts are not proper)
- Referee can prevent player from playing if not in proper uniform

### GAMES CANCELLATIONS ALL GAMES ARE ON UNLESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS!

**Inclement Weather** - In the case of inclement weather adversely effecting field conditions, the decision to postpone a game or close a field rests solely with the Home Team/Club, up until two (2) hours before the scheduled game time. If the Home Team/Club closes the fields, the Home Team/Club must inform the Referee, the Division Supervisor and the Opposing Team's Coach.

If a game is not officially canceled prior to two (2) hours before game time, both teams must show up at the field and only the Referee may decide to cancel upon inspection of the field and weather conditions. In that event, it is the home teams' responsibility to notify the Division Supervisor, and in their absence the Division Coordinator.

**State Cup Games** – The only time a team may cancel a game for a State Cup game is if they are playing **OFF LONG ISLAND or have a semi-final game that are all scheduled on Saturday with a raindate of Sunday.** If you are the home team or are playing another team playing in LIJSL the game must be scheduled on an "off date". The coaches of the affected teams must notify their supervisors immediately, if a league game is being cancelled because of a State Cup Game. **YOU MUST CANCEL YOUR LEAGUE GAME WITHIN 96 HOURS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF YOUR LAST ROUND STATE CUP GAME, IF NOT YOU MAY BE CHARGED WITH A LEAGUE GAME FORFEIT. UNDER NO OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A COACH OR A CLUB CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE A GAME WITHOUT NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE GAMES COMMITTEE.**

### RESCHEDULING GAMES

All cancelled games must be rescheduled (not played) within 7 days of the original game date. The Home Team Coach is responsible for contacting the Opposing Team coach, offering 2 Date/Time slots for the game to be played. Once the two coaches have agreed on a Date/Time slot, it is the responsibility of the Home Team coach to inform the Division Supervisor, providing them with the date, time and field location. If the two teams can not agree on the details of the rescheduled game, the Home Team Coach must notify the Division Supervisor within the same 7-day period. If the Division Supervisor can not mediate a resolution between the two coaches, the Games Committee will be responsible for rescheduling the game and if necessary declaring a forfeit. **Once a game has been rescheduled it cannot be changed. Please make sure you schedule your game immediately before or after an existing game on the field, check with your field scheduler.**

### REPORTING THE SCORE

The home team is responsible for entering the score online on the game day, whether or not there was a referee in attendance and a referee evaluation. This must be done before 6:00 PM on the game day unless you have an evening game. Failing to enter the score will subject the Club to a Ten dollar (\$10.00) assessment. Forfeits must be reported to your supervisor. If you have issues entering your scores contact the league office, 631-648-9020.

### IF THE REFEREE FAILS TO APPEAR

For age groups U9, U10, U11, U12, 13, or U14, if a Referee should fail to appear, **the match must be played.** The Adult Supervisors, of the competing teams, must agree upon a person to substitute for the Referee. The substitute need not be a certified Referee. The substitute must referee the entire game. The Home Team must furnish to the League Office a report of the game and the "Game Roster Forms", within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the game. The Home Team will be assessed fifty dollars (\$50) for not furnishing the report. The game must be played under penalty of default.

If the assigned center referee fails to appear for a U-13 or U-14 game, LIJSL rules state that the game must be played and both coaches must agree on a volunteer referee. If one of the AR's assigned to your game is a grade 8, he/she will become the center referee with the other AR doing one line and a volunteer doing the other. If the AR's assigned are a grade 9 they can only work the lines and both coaches must agree on a substitute referee.

If the Referee fails to appear for a game in the Under 15, 16, 17 or 19 age groups, the match must be rescheduled by the teams in accordance with procedures outlined above.

### COACHES EVALUATION OF THE REFEREE'S PERFORMANCE

Coaches should record the name and number of the Referee, and submit online the referee evaluation form of the referee's performance located on the website where the scores are entered. Both the home and away coach may enter one referee evaluation per game.

### COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES:

Coaches should communicate with their supervisors, if necessary, the coach will be referred to the age group coordinator, or a Game Day Director. If required the Game Day Director may refer the coach to Boys/ Girls Chairperson or the Games Committee Chair.

**PLEASE NOTE!!! ALL games MUST be played by November 30**