

SDAHA LEAGUE GAME CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

November 2016

As most of you realize, our game schedule is extremely tight. League game cancellations should not be done without reason, but we do not want anyone traveling during dangerous road conditions. Safety of our families should be our priority.

League game cancellation procedures:

1. Reasons for cancellation:
 - a. Cancellation of a game due to weather is usually at the discretion of the traveling team, though we have occasionally had a home team cancel due to weather.
 - b. The only other reason for cancellation may be due to equipment/ice failure. If possible, the scheduled game should be played at a different site before cancelling.
2. Notifications:
 - a. **First notification** should be **between associations**, and should begin with the scheduler of each association. **MAKE SURE YOUR COACHES AND COORDINATORS KNOW THEY MUST CANCEL THROUGH THE LOCAL SCHEDULER OR A PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL SCHEDULER.** This helps us avoid the possibility of someone not being notified. Each association is responsible for notifying their players, parents, coaches, staff, etc.
 - b. **Second notification** should be to the official's scheduler. **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME TEAM.**
 - i. If officials have already arrived for a game that is cancelled, the home association may still be responsible for payment to that official if they have traveled some distance.
 - c. **Third notification** should be to the state scheduler or person designated by the state scheduler. The state scheduler/designee will get the information on the website and begin to work on rescheduling.
3. Rescheduling:
 - a. See the Playing Rule below. In reality, the SDAHA Scheduler will make every effort to reschedule a postponed game as quickly as possible. It is rare that the SDAHA President becomes involved

From SDAHA Playing Rules:

"Rescheduling of games delayed due to weather shall be done promptly by the teams involved. If they are unable to come to an agreement quickly on rescheduling, the SDAHA president will make the decision. If possible, at least 48 hours notice shall be provided to the official's scheduler. (4/07)

Team Eligibility - A team must play its entire SDAHA schedule in order to be eligible for State Tournament competition for that year, e.g. any team which fails to play a regularly scheduled or rescheduled SDAHA league game will be deemed to have forfeited that game and thus will be ineligible for State Tournament competition for that year.

- . If, however, there is no time available to reschedule a game, a decision will be made by the SDAHA Board on the eligibility of a team to play in a state tournament. These decisions will be based on a review of the circumstances of the cancellation, how standings will be affected, and the reasons for not rescheduling.

FOR SFYHA TEAMS – If the decision is made to not travel or you have received word the visiting team is not coming to Sioux Falls, your first call should be to Todd Mescher, SFYHA League Game Scheduler at 940-2375. Your next call is to Cherry Hunter at 351-7042 to work on Game Officials cancellation.