



# West Vancouver Field Hockey Club

*“The home of North Shore Field Hockey”*

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## SPRING LEAGUE SCHEDULES

### 1. Spring League Practice Schedule:

- U9-U18 teams receive 1 practice time lasting 1 hour each week during Spring League. The U6-U8 age groups have 1 combined practice and game session each week.
- U9-U12 teams have predetermined practice schedules at certain days and times to allow for Lead Coaches to support them.
- The ED/Administrator will ask each team U13 and up to submit their request for practice time. Teams are asked to respect the deadline given for submissions – teams submitting requests after the deadline are not guaranteed to receive any of their requested times.
- The team manager (on behalf of the coach and players) submits their top 3 requested times. As soon as the practice time is confirmed by the ED/Administrator, managers are responsible for communicating the practice time to their team. Managers will typically receive their confirmed practice times 1-2 weeks before the practice season commences
- The assignment of practice times will be done based on best fit with the team preferences identified on the request form, available field times and other constraints. However, the overriding consideration will be to best utilize the limited time and space available. In general:
  - Special effort will be given to coordinate the requests of those individuals who coach more than one team
  - The scheduling requests for the U18 teams will be handled first, working backwards towards the younger age groups
  - Where possible, younger teams will be assigned to earlier practice times and older teams to later time slots
- The practice schedule may be subject to change. If changes occur after practices have been confirmed with teams, the Club will try to ensure that alternatives fall on the same day but it is not guaranteed.
- Any enquiries or concerns about the practice schedule should be directed to the ED or Administrator

## 2. Spring League Game Schedule:

- The U6-U8 age groups have 1 combined practice and game session each week. The U9-U10 age groups have 1 game each week. These games are scheduled by WVFHC. Schedules will be shared with teams before the start of the season.
- From U11 up, teams join the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey League (GVJFHL) and begin to play teams from other areas. The games schedules are found at <http://www.bcfieldhockey.com/> just before the season starts.
- WVFHC is responsible for scheduling the home games played at Rutledge and other available fields. In collaboration with the Junior division, the ED/Administrator will undertake this scheduling and provide the information to GVJFHL.

## 3. Procedure for re-scheduling a Spring League game:

- The WVFHC strongly encourages you to play your league games as scheduled. We cannot guarantee there will be alternative turf time or umpires available for a make up game.
- The GVJFHL encourages its member Clubs not to cancel, but to recruit players from lower age groups and play your scheduled game.

### Away Games

- As soon as you know you have a conflict, for whatever reason, you must immediately contact the other team and try to negotiate a reasonable, agreeable alternative with them. Coach and Manager contact information for your opponents is available on the GVJFHL website under your Age Division.
- Failure to come to an agreement with your opponent will result in the GVJFHL referring back to the original schedule to determine which Club has responsibility to host and provide a field for the game. **Fines of \$50 will be levied for failing to provide a minimum 72 hours notice that your game needs to be cancelled + umpiring costs, as well as \$50 fines for teams that are "no shows"**

### Home Games

- If you absolutely need to re-schedule your Home game, then we recommend the following be done, well in advance of the minimum 72 hours' notice:
  1. As soon as you know you have a conflict your Team Manager must immediately contact our Administrator. The Administrator will assist you in finding alternative field times that might be available and "block off" these times for 72 hours until you can confirm the rescheduling or cancellation of your original game.
  2. If alternative field times are available, the Team Manager is responsible for

contacting the other team and trying to negotiate a reasonable, agreeable alternative with them. Coach and Manager contact information for your opponent is available on the GVJFHL website under your Age Division.

3. Once you have agreed an alternative field time, the Team Manager must go back to the Administrator and confirm the details of the rescheduled game. The Administrator will then contact the Umpire Coordinator to have Umpires rescheduled for your alternate game time. Failure to do this in a timely or accurate manner (ie: without a minimum 72 hours) will result in additional umpiring fees being levied to your team. The Administrator will also contact the GVJFHL to make them aware of the changes.

4. Should you be unable to reach an agreement or alternative field time is not available then you must decide to either cancel the game (\$50 fine + umpiring costs if cancelled with less than 72 hours' notice) or you play the game with the players you have and consider borrowing from the age group below.

Remember, when you cancel a game it has an impact or more than just you and your team:

- Whether you use the field or not for your home games, WVFHC still pays for the field
- Umpires have been assigned to your game and have arranged their schedule to fit your game
- Parents have worked around your game schedule to get their umpiring son or daughter to your game
- Umpire Mentors may have been assigned to your game and made time in their schedules
- Giving back your field time in a reasonable, timely manner makes it available for others