

In-Season Games Changes

NHYLA recognizes that there are circumstances that cause last minute game cancellations. Since rescheduling games is difficult in an eight-game season, the League believes every effort should be made to play the game on the date originally scheduled. Games should only be cancelled as a last resort due to player safety considerations.

Changing a Sunday Game Time and Field: Officials accept their game assignments based on the free time in their schedules. Changing the time and location of your game can impact the ability of the official to officiate your event. A straightforward time change, e.g., from 1pm to 4pm, may push the time beyond the official's ability to officiate the game. In order to ensure that the assigned officials are available to cover your games, please use the following process.

Deadline: Game Time and Changes need to be made no later than the TUESDAY BEFORE YOUR GAME.

Please fill out the 2022 Game Change Request Form (To be completed by a Program Admin only – Not the Team Coach):

<https://www.leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=309113&org=nhylax>

You must provide documentation that both coaches are in agreement with the change.

PLEASE NOTE: NYLA does not require the entire email conversation just the section of the email where the opposing coach states “yeah that works for my team.”

Rescheduling a Game: If both coaches of a cancelled game wish to reschedule their game, it is their responsibility to mutually agree on a date and time before they submit the request to the league. Rescheduling a game requires some lead time in order to identify an official. Therefore, coaches should factor this lead time in when selecting a new date to play. In the event that the official coordinator is unable to secure a ref for the time the game, the coordinator may propose alternative dates and time. Please note that once referees are assigned to *Girls* Lacrosse Games, it is not guaranteed that referees will be available for rescheduled dates or times outside of weather-related changes.

Last Minute Game Cancellation - Reason to cancel a game: Unplayable or unsafe field conditions, thunder and lightning, or some other dangerous condition.

The League believes games *should* be played under the following circumstances: Light rain, wind, or generally unpleasant spring weather, low player turn-out (less than 11 players), or other such circumstances.

Day-of Game Cancellation Process - Contact Opponents and Officials: A team representative who cancels a game should make contact by phone with both the opposing coach and the assigned official at a *minimum of two hours prior to the scheduled start of the game.*

The Two-Hour Window: If you have cancelled this game two hours before the scheduled start time, the town does not need to pay the ref fees. If you cancelled the game within the two-hour window and you were not able to contact the ref or opposing team, a coach from the home team must show up at the field and pay any ref that shows up.