

Pike Soccer Recreational and Select Game Reschedule Policy for U6 and Up

Purpose: This policy outlines the procedure for rescheduling games for U10 and older recreational and select teams. It aims to minimize disruptions and ensure efficient communication and coordination among coaches, teams, referees, and field assignors.

Guiding Principles:

- Rescheduling should be avoided whenever possible. Every effort should be made to play the game as originally scheduled.
- Rescheduling for the benefit of one or two players is discouraged, as it inconveniences many other families.
- Timely communication and adherence to this policy are essential for a smooth rescheduling process.

Reasons to Avoid Rescheduling:

- **Player Absence:** If you have enough players to start the game (check minimum player requirements), you must play. Work with the referee and opposing coach to adjust the number of players on the field if necessary.
- **Coach Absence:** Find a substitute coach (team manager, parent, etc.). Rescheduling during the week can interfere with other teams' practice schedules; please be considerate and obtain their approval before rescheduling for this reason.

Rescheduling Procedure:

All communication with the opposing team, field assignor, referee assignor, and AGC MUST be completed 7 days prior to the original game day.

1. Initial Communication:

- Contact the opposing coach to explain the need to reschedule. If you don't have a valid reason, and the opposing coach doesn't agree, the game remains as scheduled (likely a forfeit if you don't play).
- *Required:* Keep a record of this communication (email, text, etc.).

2. Field Availability:

- Contact the Field Assignors (Niki Garland and Chris Garland) to check field availability for your proposed new date/time. **You MUST have field availability confirmed BEFORE contacting the AGC.**
- *Required:* Forward the initial communication with the opposing coach to the Field Assignors.

3. Referee Availability:

- Contact the Referee Assignor (Don Bohensky) at **refereeassignor@pikesoccer.org** to confirm referee availability for the proposed new date/time. Include the game number, team names, original date/time, and proposed new date/time in your email.

4. Age Group Coordinator (AGC) Approval:

- Once you, the opposing coach, Field Assignors, and Referee Assignor have all agreed on a new date/time, contact your Age Group Coordinator (AGC). (See contact information below).

5. Official Request to AGC:

- Email the opposing coach and Field Assignors (cc'd) to your AGC with all the necessary information to avoid delays.
- *Subject:* RESCHEDULE REQUEST, GAME # [Game Number] [Your Team Name] v [Opposing Team Name]
- *Body:*
 - Dear [AGC Name],
 - I am writing, in concurrence with the opposing coach (cc'd), to request rescheduling Game # [Game Number] [Your Team Name] v [Opposing Team Name] from [Original Date/Time] to [Proposed New Date/Time].

6. Official Change:

- Your AGC will make the official schedule change in the Affinity system.
- *Required:* Forward the AGC's confirmation of the change to the Field Assignors and Referee Assignor.

7. Consequences of Non-Compliance:

- If the official change is not made in the Affinity system, you may have issues with field and referee assignments, potentially resulting in a forfeit for the original game date.

Referee Official Contact:

- Referee Assignor: Don Bohensky, **refereeassignor@pikesoccer.org**

Age Group Coordinators:

- U6 & U8 (In-House): Chris Garland, christopher.garland25@gmail.com; Niki Garland, registrar@pikesoccer.org
- U10 & U12: Sandip Patel, afcgriffin@gmail.com
- U13 and Above: <https://www.georgiasoccer.org/admin/about-us/>
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