

COMPETITIONS PROCEDURES – 2023/2024

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G. GUIDELINES FOR RESCHEDULES, POSTPONEMENTS AND GAME FORFEITURES

a. Rescheduling Considerations

i. U13, U14 and U15 games must reach the 60:00 minute mark to be considered a completed game.

ii. U16, U17 and U19 games must reach the 70:00 minute mark to be considered a completed game.

b. Following the mutually agreed upon postponement of a league game, the following mandatory items must be included in the communication for the reschedule to be accepted by league commissioner:

i. Documented communication between club directors stating the reason for postponement and mutual agreement to the postponement.

ii. Documented agreement on the reschedule date, time, and locations of postponed fixtures/games must be agreed upon by both parties.

iii. An email to the Competitions Manager including members of both clubs involved in a reschedule must be submitted by the host club for the rescheduled fixture and sent to the Competitions Manager within 7 days following the initial postponement.

iv. If a rescheduled date is not submitted within 7 days of the initial postponement, the Competitions Manager will choose a date based on club availability and update the fixture in the official schedule.

v. Once approved by the Competitions Manager, in writing, the host club is required to communicate the new fixture/game times to appropriate game day officials (referees, trainers, cameraman, etc.).

vi. Clubs not following the proper protocol for reschedules are subject to fines and loss of points.

vii. Same-day weather cancellations (Acts of God, etc.) of league games will be considered postponed and the same expectations will apply.

1. Note: Same-day cancellations must be communicated to the Competitions Managers via email as soon as the decision has been made in real time.

viii. A game will be determined as forfeited when one team does not show up for a mutually agreed upon fixture (date, time, and location) without proper documented notification* (via email) an agreement with the other club or there is an instance when a team is found to have broken one of the league rules, policies or procedures.

1. Notification to the Competitions Manager no later than 48 hours prior to the match. The instances of forfeiture include, but are not limited to:

a. Use of an ineligible player (no card, DOB, etc.)

b. Lack of official roster or game cards at the start of a game

c. Re-entry of substituted player in the same half of a game (no re-entry in the same half)

- c. If a game does not reach the designated threshold, the league shall have the authority to review all of the facts in determining whether and when a game Girls Academy Frameworks 2023-2024 32 should be rescheduled, whether the game should be forfeited or canceled permanently. The determination by the league shall be final.
- d. Forfeiture of all age groups:
- i. Team forfeiting one (1) regular season game, subject to a \$1,000 fine.
 - ii. Team forfeiting second regular season game in a single season, subject to another \$1,000 fine.
 - iii. Team forfeiting third game in a single season:
 1. subject to a \$1,000 fine
 2. Additional \$5,000 fine
 3. Team is ineligible for playoffs
 4. Number of Champions Cup points earned for that team is forfeited (Zero points) in that season
 5. Potential club review
 - iv. Team forfeiting four or more games in a single season will be reviewed by the Competitions Committee and Board of Directors to determine fines and additional consequences.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Postponements, Reschedules, and Game Change Requests

- Postponements must be communicated to the Competitions Manager as soon as possible.
- Games were entered into GotSport according to the latest conference schedule I received. If any of these dates are incorrect or have since been moved, please email admin@girlsacademyleague.com with both clubs copied.
- Game change requests must be submitted via email using the attached Excel form. Both clubs must be included in the email.
- The last available date to finish league play is Sunday, May 26, 2024.
- **Both clubs must agree to any game change.**

Entering Scores, Uploading Documents, and Recording Yellow/Red Cards into GotSport

- Scores must be entered, game cards / sub passes uploaded, and yellow / red cards entered into GS within 48 hours of the fixture.
 - Only one file can be uploaded so we recommend taking a picture of the game card and sub pass side-by-side
- If one or all of the above is not done within the 48 hour timeframe, the information must be sent to admin@girlsacademyleague.com as soon as possible.
- **Missing scores may affect Conference Standings, National Standings, playoff qualification, and Champions Cup qualification.**

Discipline

- Any significant disciplinary incidents (fights, violent conduct, parent behavior) must be reported by the clubs immediately to admin@girlsacademyleague.com.
- **All red cards must be entered into GS.**

Outstanding Games and Forfeitures

- Games that cannot be rescheduled or played on their rescheduled date are subject to removal or forfeits / fines based on the reason for the initial postponement and/or effect on Playoffs.
- Outstanding games that may be removed from the schedule include those postponed because of weather (either on the day of or in anticipation) or those with no effect on playoff participation and which has been agreed upon by both clubs.
- Outstanding games that may be subject to a forfeit include matches where a postponement was agreed upon but for which one party has not shown good faith effort to reschedule.
- If a club cannot field a team and does not give their opponent adequate notice before the match (48 hours before kickoff or prior to travel) they may be subject to a forfeit if a postponement is not agreed upon.

Cross-Conference Games

- All cross-conference games must be approved by the Competitions Manager prior to being scheduled.