

**IMPORTANT! The Website is ONLY Updated When Games Are Canceled. If You See No Update, Then Games Are Currently ON.**

#### **RAIN POLICY:**

If it's non-stop rain the days proceeding, then most likely, the games will be canceled in advance (exception: turf fields). If it's only drizzling, then we'll most likely make the decision closer to game time. Since the majority of players prefer playing, we'll wait it out and the cut-off will be one hour before the start of games. If you prefer not constantly checking back, then check one hour before the start of game times to see if games were canceled. If games are canceled at this time, then the website will be updated and all games for the entire day/night are also canceled, even if it stops raining. If you don't see any update, then games are still on.

Games can still be canceled at any time if it begins to pour as the day/night proceeds. **If canceled, the ref will inform a coordinator, who will then update the website.** A coordinator will send a follow-up to the captain's via teampages or text so you can then send a follow-up text to your players. If your players are set-up in teampages, then they will receive the cancellation update, but it is the captain's responsibility to let their players know.

Players will often email later in the day asking why the games are not on when obviously the rain has stopped. The decision we have to make is to either cancel (and no one is paid) or to put the refs/employees on call (and be paid for the day) that may or may not happen. It's not cost effective to have all the refs and employees at will, as well as all the players. Once games are canceled, it allows everyone to go on with their day, not wondering whether there will be a game. It also throws off the entire schedule if we have some teams playing but not others.

Besides rain, there are numerous situations that come up that are completely out of our control which forces us to cancel games. This includes lights not coming on at a field or going off early; sprinklers coming on during games; porta-potties, equipment and/or lights all over our field; fencing or any other items going through our field; equipment stolen when we arrive; gate locked to the field; field double booked; helicopter landing on field; and numerous other unforeseen problems. Many unforeseen problems are at the Rose Bowl. There are situations where we had to cancel the entire day. We never know what to expect when using the Rose Bowl because it's rented out to so many different groups. When equipment is left on our fields, and if we can't get it out of the way ourselves, then we have to rely on the group who rented it to get it off. They should technically be responsible for getting all of their equipment off the field within their permitted time, but for some reason this doesn't always happen and our group suffers. Unfortunately, even when we get a hold of the organizers, they don't always know when it's going to be removed because it's contracted out by someone else to remove. We know when events are going to occur, but we can never anticipate what they do to the field until we show up. We have had to move entire fields because wood chips were placed in an area of one of our fields which made it dangerous to play on. We don't just have extra fields lined and ready to go for this type of thing! All we can do is anticipate and do our best. This was added because players wonder why later games aren't played. An example was when a fence was in the way in the morning, but was removed later (who knows what time they removed it at??). The usual protocol/pattern that we've noticed is for fencing to be removed the following day so basically we DON'T know when the fence was removed and this is why ALL games are canceled. No person wants to hang out and wait to see when the fence will be removed and players do not appreciate having their day on hold to wait and see whether it will be taken down.

#### **PLEASE NOTE WHEN WEB IS DOWN:**

Sometimes the website is down and we aren't able to update it (or we're out of town). If this is the case, then we'll email or text message the captain so they can contact their players. Every captain should have their player numbers in their cell.

#### **ATTENTION CAPTAINS:**

Captains only, can call/text the soccer line for confirmation. If the games are canceled, then our message will indicate that. If there's no cell message indicating this, then games are still on. You should have your players check the website as well. The less people you have to contact, the better. You can text/call the rest of those who don't have access.

### **ADDITIONAL WAYS WE GET THE MESSAGE OUT WHEN GAMES ARE CANCELED:**

When we cancel the games, we will usually update Facebook and Twitter. We suggest you add **ADULTSOCCERLEAGUE** if you have Facebook. This is actually the quickest way to get our messages since it only takes a second to send a Facebook update.