

## WMYSA Rainout Reschedules

There were 89 games scheduled to be played at WMYSA venues this past weekend. Over 70 were not played due to the rain. Following are comments regarding procedures to reschedule these games.

Reschedule requirement – Teams should contact each other to agree on a new date and time. Games are expected to be rescheduled if at all possible. If a game just cannot be fit in by one or both teams, it will be considered as not played in the standings with no penalty.

Reschedule fees – No reschedule fees will be charged (see Timing below). The reschedule form can be used or disregarded as long as details are separately e-mailed to me.

Referee fees – The league will pay any referees due payment for games called at the field due to conditions. This primarily involves determination of any payments when the tornado warning occurred. There are two types of situations where the home or visiting team will be considered responsible for payment and will be billed by the league if needed. One situation would be if the venue was considered open at the time and referees came but one or both teams did not and the referee was not contacted in advance that the game would not be played. The second situation is if the referee intended to declare the field not playable in advance but the teams demanded the referee appear, only to then call the game at the field due to the unplayable conditions.

Future field availability – Reschedules will depend on future field availability. Some venues have open fields on most dates. Some venues will have few open slots. New slots are being made available earlier on Saturdays at the end of the season at some venues when AYSO needs have ended. A separate listing of available dates by field follows below.

Referees – Referees will be assigned to rescheduled games by the area referee assignor. If a team has contacted referees who agree to a new date and time, please let me know. Otherwise check Arbiter at the Michigan venues for assignments or work with your local club in Indiana. Best efforts will be made to assign referees. Please realize the supply is already tight and over 10 games each week will now be added to the balance of the schedule. The probability of having a referee available will be much higher if slots are chosen from the list below.

Contact – All Michigan reschedules should pass through me for approval. In Indiana, work with your local club. I will approve Michigan changes after reviewing field availability and I will then contact the referee schedulers. I will change the schedules on the website as approved. Any questions contact me at [wmysasoccer@aol.com](mailto:wmysasoccer@aol.com).

Timing – The sooner a game is rescheduled, the better chance of obtaining a desired time slot and having referees available.

### Available Time Slots by Venue

Battle Creek: Best times are 9/27, 10/4 at 5:30, 10/5 at 5:30, 10/12 at 5:30, 10/19 at 3:45 and 10/26 at 4:00. Other times are available but with greater difficulty of having a referee available.

Kalamazoo U11/12 – Specials slots are available at 11:00 AM and 1:00 on 10/18 and 10/25. Try to use if possible. Other slots are 9/20 at 3 or 5, 9/21 at 1, 9/27 at 3 or 5, 9/28 at 1,3 or 5, 10/5 at 3 or 5, 10/12 at 5, 10/18 at 3, 10/19 at 1, 10/25 at 3 and 10/26 at 1,3 or 5.

Kalamazoo U9/10 – Specials slots are available at 11:00 Am and 1:00 on 10/18 and 10/25. Try to use if possible. Selected slots are available all days except 9/20 but check for available times.

Kalamazoo full fields – Fields are available most or all days but 3 referees may not. Best chance of having referees is to choose a special time slot of 11:00 AM or 1:00 on 10/18 or 10/25.

Marshall – 10/13, 10/18 at 5:15 and 1:30 (U10 or U12), 10/25 at 4:45 and 10/26 at 12:15. Slots are open most other days but with much less probability of referee availability.

Otsego HS – 10/25 is open at 1,3 and/or 5. Also 9/21 at 1, 10/12, 10/18 and 10/26 at noon or 6:00 are possible depending on club agreement at the field.

Pennfield HS – Best slots are 9/27 at 1:15, 9/28 at 1:30, 10/5 at 5:15, 10/18 at 5:00 and 10/19 at 5:30. 9/20 and 10/4 have full open slots but would be hard to assign refs unless at least two games can be coordinated back to back.

**Portage – Specials slots may be available on 10/25 at 11:00 AM and 1:00. Check with me if interested. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights will be made available if needed. . Most other days are available but check for optimum time slot.**

River Oaks – Special time slots are available on 10/25 at 11:00 AM and 1:00. You are encouraged to use them. All other days are available but with a lesser chance of referee assignment.

Rockey Weed – Most dates are available. Check for optimum time.

South Haven – 9/20 at 1:00 and 9/21 at 4:15 work well. 10/18, 10/19, 10/25 and 10/26 are all open but referee availability will depend upon the club integrating at least two back to back games to attract referees. Check with me for optimum times.

Summary – Over 70 games is a lot of games to reschedule. Not only the games need to be rescheduled but also about 175 referee assignments. The process will flow much better the closer reschedules conform to the proposed dates.

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