

Rain Policy for League & Friendly Games

1. In the event that a club's home field is closed, they need to contact the referee and opposition club immediately via phone call and via email. The phone numbers and emails to be utilized will be the referee contact list available via the [refs contact list \(Link here\)](#) and the officer contact list sent to clubs at the beginning of the season. **In the case that an alternate number should be used, this should be provided during the match confirmation emails the Wednesday prior to the match.** The home club should to keep documentation of the outgoing call (eg. screen shot of the party called and time and length of call, wireless bill, referee witness) and keep a copy of the outgoing email. Attempts should be made to contact the match secretary, then president, then other officers, until someone can be reached in person. If no one can be reached, please text and leave voicemails with the contact phone numbers provided.
2. Match cancellations due to weather will be verified by the FRU with the park/facility. Contact information for the home club's facility needs to be provided to the FRU competitions chair via email within 48H of cancellation. This information will be used to verify the field closing the following week.
3. If the referee travels to the field prior to notification, then the home club is responsible for the ref fee + mileage. Normal travel time would be estimated for the ref to arrive 2 hours prior to KO from their home address. Travel time will be estimated using google maps normal travel time without traffic. If a referee is notified prior to when normal travel will start, they would not be eligible to receive any reimbursement. If a referee travels all the way to the field, they are eligible for 100% reimbursement. If they travel part way, the remaining actual reimbursement % will be based upon time of notification vs. distance traveled (referee notified half way into travel time would be eligible for 50% reimbursement) (needs approval by FRRA)
4. In the event a team travels prior to notification of field closing they have the option for reimbursement according to the following –
7 cars at 0.25 a mile round trip from pitch to pitch. Normal travel time would be estimated for the away team to arrive 1.5 hours prior to KO from their home pitch address. Travel time will be estimated using google maps normal travel time without traffic. If a club is notified prior to when normal travel will start, they would not be eligible to receive any reimbursement. If a club travels all the way to the field, they are eligible for 100% reimbursement. If they travel part way, the remaining actual reimbursement % will be based upon time of notification vs. distance traveled (referee notified half way into travel time would be eligible for 50% reimbursement)
5. If the home team can find another available field to use, they can ask the travel team and referee to accommodate a new field location as long as the travel time is not

increased by more than 15 minutes (google maps with no traffic) for the away team and KO would remain within one half hour of the original KO.

6. The reschedule date if necessary will be determined in the following manner (reschedules necessary for league games, not for friendly games)

- a. Travel team suggests remaining bye weekends in which to play, match will be played at home pitch if home team is amenable to this date. If their pitch is not available but the date is suitable to them, the travel team can host. If the home team does not agree to this date, they should advise the opposition why this date is not suitable and they can suggest a different date in which they want to host the match. If the travel team does not agree see item b.
- b. In the event the two teams do not mutually agree on & report a make-up date to FRU within 5 calendar days of the rained-out match, the following will apply.

If there are available open Saturdays, and neither team can play on those dates, then they should have to submit documentable proof to the competition chair to review as to why they cannot play on a certain date (active or alum player's wedding, team hosting a charity event, multiple players on select side that may be scheduled, another match already scheduled for a non-blackout date). If the competition chair agrees that no alternate date can be agreed to, it will be recorded as a cancellation and no points awarded to either club. If the competition chair disagrees with the reasons why a date can't be agreed to by either of the teams, a date will be set for the reschedule by the competition chair. If one of the teams still refuses to play on that date, that game will be declared a forfeit by that team with a point deduction. If neither team is cooperative in rescheduling the match (both teams looking for a competitive advantage) both teams will have a point deducted and the match cancelled.

In the case that a team needs more than one match rescheduled, the competition chair may consider a Sunday match date. However, a team may not be forced to play a Sunday match. Other options available to the team facing two matches may elect to play the 2nd match on the same date and location as the first match. They may elect to forfeit one match without negative points penalty, this option may only take effect if the club plays their other make up match. Failure to play at least one match will result in the points penalty being applied to both matches.

Reimbursements if necessary will be provided by the FRU and the FRU will assess the home club for the amount reimbursed unless the away club agrees to be paid directly by the home club. Reimbursements for referee travel will be made to the FRRA unless the FRRA authorizes direct payment to the referee.

Decisions by the competition chair may be appealed to the entire FRU board for consideration. Appeals must be made in writing to the Secretary and President and will be considered within 1 week of notification and at least 50% of the board must hear the appeal. Any officer with a conflict of interest (on a club in question or whose club would gain an competitive or other advantage from the outcome of the decision) will not be eligible to be part of the appeals board.