

RE: Important Procedure Information for Inter-League Games

Your schedules are loaded to the league website. Your team may have games against any or all of the following: St. Joseph, Coloma, South Haven, Bridgman or SWM. As games get started, please review the important information below:

- **You Must Confirm Games Ahead of Game Time: VERY IMPORTANT!**

You must confirm with the opposing coach *at least 72 hours in advance*. This is critical to prevent general confusion and unnecessary charges related to referee scheduling.

We ask that one of your team officials (coach, assistant coach, manager) take responsibility for this - please coordinate amongst your team leadership so you know who will execute this task for the season.

The optimal approach is to send an email (or call if email address is not available) 72 hrs in advance to confirm. If you do not receive a response within a 24 hours, try again via phone. If you still receive no reply, please let me know, or contact that league's scheduler (number also in directory).

Information to include in these communications:

1. List both team numbers, game time & game location.
2. Provide (or confirm) a phone number where you can be reached on game day... also ask for the same in return. This allows you to reach each other in the event of travel or weather issues.
3. I am attaching a document with the Coach Contact information. I will also load this contact directory to the website.
4. If you still have not heard from the other league's coach or scheduler within 24-36hrs of game time **please** contact me and then I will try to reach their scheduler or other league contact.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, doing so will avoid disappointed players and parents showing up at the wrong location or time, as well as unnecessary referee charges

- **Process for Canceling and/or Rescheduling Games**

If conditions are such that a home game needs to be canceled or changed, **it is imperative that you notify the referee coordinator**, so that the referees can be contacted. This is found at our leagues website>home page>[referee tab](#). Our referees do receive a partial payment if they show up to a game, & it has been canceled; so this is very important. Go to the referee tab on the leagues website

- **Home Field Rules:**

Please remember, many teams we play are AYSO (St. Joseph, Coloma & South Haven) or Independent (Berrien Spring & Bridgman). **We've all agreed to home team rules**, so LYSL, which is MSYSA - USSF. AYSO plays quarters and can only substitute at these quarters. For U10 away games most likely will not have a build out line and allow the goalie to punt the ball. Offsides would start from the center line vs the build out line in those cases. These organizations may change their rules at any time as they do not belong to a national membership group. LSYL is a member of MSYSA, which falls under USSF.