

SCHEDULING

Participation Forms, Team Fees, Field Information Forms, and Player Registration Fees are due to the BRCL office in July (Fall) and Feb. (Spring). Due dates will be posted on website, Timeline, and Club Reps will be notified at BRCL meetings. Game schedules for BRCL teams will be distributed in August (Fall) and March (Spring).

A. FIELDS:

- Each Club (Member) is required to make available a home field for every five (5) teams playing in BRCL. The amount of times the field (s) must be made available for use depends on the number of teams playing on the field (s) and the age of the teams.
- It is desirable that Clubs be able to schedule at least two games on the same field or two games back to back on adjacent fields, on the same day, Saturday and/or Sunday.
- Fields must provide safe playing conditions.
- Each Member Club will be advised of the Field Requirements in conjunction with the Field Information Forms that are sent out prior to each season.

B. PLAY DATES:

- Normally, the Fall schedule of games will commence on the Saturday and Sunday following Labor Day. The Spring schedule will commence the third Saturday in March.
- Regular season games **WILL NOT** be scheduled on the following dates:
 1. Labor Day
 2. Columbus Day Weekend
 3. Thanksgiving Weekend
 4. Easter Weekend
 5. Memorial Day Weekend
- STATE CUP games will take precedence over league games. Intent to enter State Cup Must be included on the Participation Form.
- League Scheduled No Play Dates. Each team is allowed 4 no play dates in a season to provide more flexibility in playing more tournaments or not playing on a given weekend due to any activities, etc.

C. CANCELLATIONS

- Games may be cancelled for weather related conditions which result in field closure by the home club and when the referee declares the field unplayable due to field or weather conditions.
- Coaches or Managers MAY NOT arrange a cancellation of a game between teams.
- Failure to play a game as scheduled will result in a forfeit. Coaches or Managers cannot arrange forfeits with other coaches or managers.

D. PENALTIES FOR FORFEITS

- BRCL FORFEIT PENALTIES Exist to STRONGLY DISCOURAGE ARBITRARY and UNNECESSARY GAME CANCELLATIONS which keep the players from the field, to maintain order and fairness in the BRCL Division Standings, and to minimize reschedules.
- This Policy is NOT meant to be punitive to Clubs or Teams who make every effort to comply with BRCL Policy
- Games, which are cancelled for the aforementioned Legitimate Reasons, MUST be PLAYED as a RESCHEDULED Game within the same season.
- The Home Team Manager is responsible for initiating and coordinating the communication for the Reschedule with the Visiting Team Manager. It is the responsibility of the Home Team Manager to notify the BRCL Administrator in writing of the Rescheduled game Date/Time/Field that is replacing the Cancelled Game within 9 calendar days of the Originally Scheduled Game which was cancelled. Failure to notify the Administrator within 9 calendar days of the original game date could result in a forfeit for both teams AND the Administrator may reschedule the game at his/her will.
- If either or both of the Teams is unwilling or reluctant to reschedule a cancelled game, the unwilling or reluctant party as determined by the BRCL Administrator will be charged with a forfeit. If both parties are unwilling and/or reluctant to reschedule the game, BOTH teams will be charged with a forfeit.

- The BRCL Forfeit Policy assigns EQUAL WEIGHT to BRCL-Scheduled Division Games, BRCL-Scheduled Inter-Divisional Games, and BRCL-Scheduled Friendly Games, and all violations of this policy are applied equally to all cases.

A Team that forfeits a game due to failure to play is subject to the following Penalties:

Fines:

1st FORFEIT (within same season) \$ 75.00.

2nd FORFEIT (within same season) \$ 150.00

**3rd Forfeit: (within same season) Suspension for the remainder of that seasonal year*

*The 3rd Forfeit will be considered as a Withdrawal from League Play and subject the Member Club to the \$200 League Withdrawal Penalty. (BRCL Policies & Procedures Section 9.1, Fees, C.)

The BRCL Administrator will notify Club Representatives and the Team Managers of all fines by email. If there is a conflict concerning a fine, the Conduct Committee will rule on the conflict. Club must pay the fines. Failure to pay will result in Club not participating in BRCL competition the next season. Fines must be paid within 30 days from the date of the offense.

E. RESCHEDULES:**1. All teams are to play their games as scheduled unless:**

- Rainout, unsafe field, or referee postponements.
- State Cup **Must** be noted on the Participation Form .
- Mandatory School / Religious activities which results in a team being unable to field at least 11 players (U-13 - U-19). 8 players (U-11, U-12) or 6 players (U-9, U-10). **This schedule change request must be made fourteen (14) days in advance in writing to the BRCL Administrator.**
- The only time a reschedule for a tournament will be granted is for a tournament cancellation or if a team is not accepted to the tournament. Documentation is required and submitted to the scheduler. Tournaments applied for must be under published no play dates.
- Field Problems: In the event that a scheduled venue becomes unavailable.
- When no referees show for game and NO "Emergency Referees" can be found to allow the game to be played (See Section 11.3, Law 5 Referees in this Manual). When one referee shows - follow BRCL policy (Section 11.4, Law 5 Referees)
- Extraordinary situations may also create a justifiable reason for a reschedule request. These requests will be handled at the discretion of the League Administrator and/or the BRCL Executive Board. The team that makes the reschedule request will assume any financial obligations the League incurs as a result of this reschedule.

2. To reschedule a game follow the procedure published by the League Administrator/Scheduler at the beginning of each season.

3. Adherence - Because of the complexity of the BRCL schedule, adherence to these rules is necessary. Failure to comply with these rules will result in forfeiture and/or fines for the affected games.