

New SSI Game Procedures

Since we received many complaints this past Spring regarding teams not showing up at the scheduled scrimmages, a fine for teams not playing their scrimmaged games as scheduled has been instituted. Teams not showing up for a scheduled match that have failed to notify the home team in a timely manner of their inability to play (so that the referee scheduled to officiate can be cancelled,) will pay the referee's fee for that scrimmage. In the hopes of further correcting this "no show" problem some new procedures have been implemented:

Steps to take for the next match on your schedule:

Contact the opposing coach at least **one** week ahead of the scheduled scrimmage.* (By doing this you will be able confirm correct phone #, e-mail address, teams colors and you can either get or give directions to the field. If you are unable to get in touch with the opposing coach, contact your own Interleague Club Coordinator immediately, they will be able to assist you.) You now have the information that you will need if there needs to be a cancellation or postponement of a scrimmage.

Who makes the call?

Based on the new proposal SSI now requires that the **home** coach is responsible to make the call*. (in reality, both coaches are going to be held responsible for contacting each other prior to the scheduled match so if you're the away team and you haven't heard from the home team in the time frame suggested above, contact the home coach. This must be done; no exceptions!)

If these steps were taken and at game day the weather is fine and there is a "no show" by the away team then and only then will the fine be issued and taken out of the bond of the away club.

The fine issued will be only what the home club pays their referee(s). not more, not less.

If neither coach followed procedure and made contact with their opponent before the scheduled match then there will not be a fine issued to the away club and the home club will pay for the referee.

Poor or inclement weather conditions on game day require special considerations.

#1 The home coach must contact the away coach at least **2** hours prior to the game and advise if the fields are playable. If field conditions are playable, the game is to proceed as scheduled. Any issues either team has about playing the match must be addressed at this time so as to allow sufficient time to notify the referee if the match is being cancelled.

If a referee is not notified of a cancellation and shows up to officiate, the referee gets paid. It is the home clubs responsibility to contact the referee about cancellations and failure to do so results in their paying the referee's fees.

Nothing has changed except a coach making a last minute call/or no call and not showing up for a match as scheduled will be disciplined and fined.

In addition, teams choosing to not play or make up a game for reasons deemed unacceptable by SSI will also be fined under this new bond.