



## **Guidelines For Scheduling & Re-Scheduling Soccer Matches**

**Objective:** To provide explicit guidelines under which teams, their administrative management and coaches Prepare the BPYSL Schedule that best accommodates each individual team's seasonal schedule. At a pre-determined "Scheduling Meeting" and in conjunction with other teams an individual designated by each team will prepare a schedule with knowledge of all potential conflicts such as ODP, MRL, Tournament Schedule, Spring Break, State CUP (through the Round of 16), Standard School Events (Proms, etc.) and any other event that could effect the team fielding a team.

Also, provide as part of this document, are guidelines giving each team concise direction as to how and under what circumstances a scheduled BPYSL match may re re-scheduled.

**Notification Of The Need To Reschedule** must be requested of the League President not less than ten (10) days prior to the date the match was scheduled. Example: If the match is to be played on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the request to reschedule must be submitted by the 6<sup>th</sup>. All requests to re-schedule may only be submitted via a portal at [www.buckeyepremier.com](http://www.buckeyepremier.com)

### **Accepted Reasons to Re-Schedule are:**

1. **The match is a "direct" conflict with State ODP Tryouts.** For reasons outside the team and league control, State ODP Tryout Schedules are sometimes changed. A team must have 4 or more players with mandatory ODP participation in State Tryouts. This does not apply to District ODP Tryouts.
2. **A "catastrophic" event occurs within a team's immediate family.** The degree of the catastrophic event will be determined by the League's President.
3. **Inclement Weather – Field Closing.** In the event that inclement weather, fields may be closed for play.
4. **Inclement Weather – Match Termination.** Matches terminated during the first half of play must be played again from the beginning. Matches terminated after the first half of play will not be rescheduled.

5. **Playing Surface Unsafe.** On the day of a scheduled match, a referee may declare a field unplayable/unsafe before kickoff.
6. **Pre-Play.** Teams may mutually agree to “pre-play” a scheduled match prior to the date the match was originally scheduled.
7. **State Cup Qualifier Conflict.** Due to various reason (weather, etc), a team may have to play a State CUP Qualifying Match on a date that is in direct conflict with a previously scheduled BPYSL match. This is usually caused by the State CUP match having to be re-scheduled creating the conflict. This would not apply if the team was simply remiss and in scheduling the State CUP Qualifier in a timely manner.
8. **A Scheduling error by the League**

**Unacceptable Reasons to Re-Schedule are:**

1. **Coaches/Team Administrative/Management mutually agree to reschedule**
2. **Mutually agreement between both coaches and the referee to reschedule at the field of play prior to the scheduled kick-off time.**
3. **A Team decides to enter a tournament after the BPYSL Schedule is final.**
4. **A shortage of rostered players key or other wise.** FIFA rules state that amatch can be started with 7 players.
5. **Injuries to rostered players.** Teams should have enough players on their roster so a few injuries still allows for a team to be fielded. See the League’s “Guest Player Rules”.
6. **Playing in tournament, a little short handed and don’t want to risk injury.** The tournament was scheduled long before the League matches.
7. **A Coach is out of town or has a conflict with coaching another match.** For teams to register a team in Ohio South, two (2) coaches are required. It is the responsibility of the team to be sure the individuals carded as coaches can actually coach a match.
8. **Conflicts with matches scheduled in leagues other than BPYSL.** The BPYSL encourages teams to participate in leagues other than BPYSL. (example: MRL, CUSL, MOSSL, MVYSL) However, because BPYSL schedules are prepared so far in advance, this conflict should not occur.

9. **Scheduled too many matches and play the same team too often when participating in more than one league.** It is a team's responsibility to schedule appropriately.

#### **Forfeit Guidelines**

1. **NO Show** will result in a fine not less than equal to the referee fees plus the field rental fee for each match. The fine will not exceed more than \$250 per match.
2. **Not being able/willing to play a previously scheduled match.**
3. **State CUP Eligibility.** BPYSL is required to report all forfeits to Ohio South. Ohio South has the right to declare a team ineligible for State CUP play in the subsequent year.
4. **A Team's performance as it relates to matches forfeited, may affect acceptance to BPYSL in subsequent seasons.**