



SEVERE WEATHER GAME CANCELCATION FAQ'S

One of the key concerns every year with the Kentucky Premier League is the weather and its effect on our scheduled games. To help streamline the process and make sure everyone is on the same page as quickly as possible when a game is being canceled for severe weather, the KPL has the following policies in place:

Who can cancel a game due to the weather without notifying the KPL? The host venue can close their facility at their discretion due to weather. Once teams are notified of a venue closure due to weather they must communicate with the KPL, their local assignor and opposing team. The referees on site can cancel a game due to weather and/or unplayable field conditions due to weather.

When should a game be canceled due to weather? Several factors come into play on this decision, but the simple answer is “as early as possible”. Home team/host venues should cancel, if there is a clear forecast that weather will affect a game. The decision should be made at an early enough time to let the visiting team know they will not need to travel. In the case of games before noon, a decision based on forecast should be made the previous day/night to give other teams early enough notification, but, if you have an afternoon game, you may wish to wait until the morning of the game to have the best information available to you. Please take into consideration your opponent, the referees and their travel time in making a timely decision. Opposing team and referees must receive a minimum of an hour heads up for a weather cancellation by the host team/club. Failure to do so will result in the referees being paid and the host team/club being charged the referee's game fee.

What is the proper procedure to cancel a game due to weather? If you decide to cancel a game prior to the game date, you must send an e-mail to the Kentucky Premier League (delaneywessling@kysoccer.net), the local referee assignor AND your opponents. You should copy all contacts, as available to you, for your opponent. You must also call/text both the Head Coach and the Team Manager for your opponent to ensure they get the information. You should continue trying to contact your opponent until you receive confirmation that they have received the cancellation notice. Please do not assume they got the cancellation.

How are referees notified of a canceled game? If a game is canceled early and the KPL and local assignor is notified, the KPL/assignor will notify the officials of the cancellation. We will communicate with them directly to ensure all parties have received the information on canceled games.

What if a referee determines the field unplayable or the weather too severe to play a game prior to/or after kickoff? Part of the referee's job is to ensure player safety. If a referee determines the game should be canceled for any reason, their decision is final. The teams will then have to reschedule the match. No protests/appeals of this decision are accepted. Games that have reached halftime, however, are considered official and scores should be entered at the time of the stoppage.

How do we reschedule a game that has been canceled due to weather? This will follow the standard KPL Reschedule procedures. The two teams are expected to find a new date for the game within ten (10) days of the cancellation and notify the KPL. Depending on the reason for the cancellation teams will need to complete a reschedule request form, Rain out reschedule request or Club/Team reschedule request, to get the game back on the KPL schedule and assigned.

Rain out Reschedule Request form: Please use [THIS](#) form to request a change in game that does not require a Rescheduling fee. This would be for any game that is being changed for a reason that is APPROVED under KPL policies such as rainouts, unplayable field conditions or a direct conflict with a regional or national league game.

Club/Team Reschedule Request form: Please use [THIS](#) form to request a change in game that requires a Rescheduling fee. This would be for any game that is being changed for a reason that is NOT APPROVED under KPL policies, such as coaches' conflicts, unavailable fields, scheduling errors or any other changes to location, date or time that has not been approved by or requested from the KPL or its referee assignors.

If your club has any questions? Call the KPL Hotline at 859-325-9575 or e-mail at delaneywessling@kysoccer.net.