



## EOSL GAME RESCHEDULE POLICY

Regional, District and Development

The EOSL has implemented a two-week league-wide break that aligns with the OPDL break. During this scheduled recess, teams may play a rescheduled game, provided both participating teams and their respective Clubs approve.

U18 schedules will end by August 20th

Teams may also request two additional blackout periods: 1 of 1 day and 1 of up to 4 days. This date must be submitted using the provided method, and before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Late requests will not be considered. Permissible reasons to use a blackout request:

- Out-of-district tournament travel (approved ATF required)
- Ontario Cup travel
- Graduation week (Graduation program required)
- Exam week (Exam schedule required)
- Statutory holiday

All other games will be played as scheduled except:

- At the referee's discretion, postponement may be necessary due to bad weather or field conditions. The Ontario Soccer Adverse Weather Guidelines must be followed.
- A weather warning is broadcast for the area in which the game is scheduled to be played, and the travel time for the away team exceeds 60 minutes one way. The away team brings this to the league's attention by no later than 14:00 for a weekday game.
- A game may be postponed at the League's discretion. This includes the discretion to reschedule games between teams more than 120 km apart (using Club office addresses).
- The Referee does not appear within 20 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, and no other Ontario Soccer-registered, certified, and eligible Referee, as agreed to by both Teams' Officials, is available to replace them.
- A field is closed by a Municipality or venue owner. Note: this is not for Clubs to cancel games, but the owners of the facilities, typically the City or Municipality.

### Process for Setting the Rescheduled Game Date/Time

The rescheduled game must meet two criteria:

1. **Scheduling Deadline:** It must be scheduled and approved within 14 days of approval of the original rescheduling request.
2. **Playing Deadline:** It must be played before the division's end-of-season date.

**Exception for Last Regular Game:** If the rescheduling request is for one of a team's last two regularly scheduled games, the rescheduled match must be played *before* the originally scheduled date of that game.

The League Administrator will notify the club and team contacts of any rescheduled games.

## Home Team Responsibilities:

**Offer Dates:** The home team must propose three alternative dates for the rescheduled game. These dates must not conflict with games already scheduled for either team. The dates must include at least two separate weekends.

## Away Team Rights

**Date Selection Criteria:** The away team has the right to reject an offered date if:

- It falls within two calendar days of an already-scheduled game.
- The three offered dates do not span at least 10 days.

**Final Selection:** Once the home team offers three acceptable dates, the away team selects one for the new game.

## Game Confirmation and Reporting

### Home Team Notification

After the date and time are agreed upon, the home team must email the away team with the following mandatory details:

- Game number
- New game date
- Home team name
- Away team name
- Field location
- Kick-off time

### Away Team Confirmation

The away team must forward the home team's confirmation email to the league at [league@eodsa.ca](mailto:league@eodsa.ca), copying the home team (cc). This action officially confirms both teams' agreement to the new schedule with the EOSL.

### League Management System Update

New game information must be provided to the EOSL at least 48 hours before the new scheduled kick-off time to ensure it is updated in the League Management System.

### Inability to Reschedule a Game

If teams cannot agree on a rescheduled date within 14 days of the request's approval, the team that initiated the reschedule must notify the EOSL via email, including documentation of their attempts to find a new date.

The EOSL will then evaluate whether the teams made reasonable efforts to reschedule and will take the following action:

<b>EOSL Opinion on Reasonable Attempts</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Both teams made reasonable attempts.	The EOSL will ask the Home Team for three potential dates and require the Away Team to select one.
Only the Home Team made reasonable attempts.	The EOSL will ask the Home Team for one date and schedule the game accordingly.
Only the Away Team made reasonable attempts.	The EOSL will ask the Away Team for one date at their home field and schedule the game accordingly.
Neither team made reasonable attempts.	The game will be cancelled, no points will be awarded to either team, and both Clubs will be charged a \$50 administrative fee.

**Note: The EOSL retains sole discretion in judging what constitutes "reasonable attempts."**

If a game is cancelled after August 20th and has no bearing on promotion or relegation, the EOSL may opt not to record the match, resulting in no points awarded to either team. Consequently, the standings will reflect that both teams have played one fewer game than the rest.

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