



Postponements/Cancellations/Forfeits/Weather

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One of the goals of CYM sports is for all teams to have a full schedule for their athletic season. Once schedules are produced, it is expected that all games are played according to that schedule. The CYM Office does recognize that from time to time conflicts will arise and will work with teams/coaches to reschedule games if needed. However, once the schedule is published we cannot guarantee a reschedule date.

Ideally all parish/school conflicts are known up front and submitted by the deadline. The CYM Office will attempt to help reschedule athletic contests that are originally scheduled:

- Where the conflict was known and submitted by the deadline
- Where the conflict was not known but was scheduled after the deadline
- Where weather causes the postponement or cancellation of an athletic contest

The CYM Office cannot guarantee any rescheduled game for parish/school events that were known before the deadline but not included on the submission, for personal reasons, for a lack of players, or for any coach conflicts. If a rescheduled date cannot be agreed to by both coaches, this will result in a forfeit game for the team with the conflict and a win for the opposing team.

Rescheduled contests may need to be played during the week at a team's practice slot.

No coach may cancel, postpone or change any athletic contest unless authorized to do so by the CYM Office/CYM Sport Coordinator.

Athletic contests will not be rescheduled due to other tournaments.

Games will be rescheduled due to weather-related issues, provided CYM has available facilities and field permits.

For outdoor sports, any sign of lightning or sound of thunder requires all activities to cease immediately. Players, coaches and families must be moved off the practice, game, meet area and are encouraged to move inside or to their cars. The athletic event may not resume for a minimum of 30 minutes from the last sound of thunder or the last sight of lightning.

Forfeits:

Any team that does not have a full complement of players required to begin the athletic contest 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time will forfeit that athletic contest. They can agree to scrimmage the opponent during that time slot but they must leave the field/floor in time for the next game to begin at the scheduled start time.

Two forfeits due to lack of players may result in a team or players being ruled ineligible for playoffs or being dismissed from the league in its entirety. If a team is dismissed from the league, the AAP/AD must submit a written petition to the CYM Director of Youth Sports to apply for re-admittance the following year.

In addition, any game that is forfeited by any team where officials are not given advanced notice of the cancellation will result in a charge to that Athletic Association equal to the cost of game officials.

Related Policies:

9.15 All games must be played according to the game schedule. ²³⁶²

9.15.1 Coaches may not cancel or change any athletic contest for any reason unless authorized to do so by CYM. ²³⁶³

9.15.2 Any team found refusing to travel to a scheduled location for league competition will suffer a forfeit, pay a fine equal to that of the game officials and be immediately ruled ineligible for the playoffs or post season tournaments. ²³⁶⁴

9.15.3 The CYM Director of Youth Sports will make a decision on the postponement of all CYM athletic contests due to inclement weather, driving conditions or field conditions. A decision made by the CYM Office to postpone a contest is not reversible by any other authority. A coach may NOT postpone a scheduled contest unless authorized by CYM. Decisions on practices due to weather or field conditions will be left to each individual parish/school. ²³⁶⁸

9.15.4 CYM regular season and playoff athletic contests will NOT be rescheduled due to other tournaments or outside events. Forfeits will result if teams cannot participate due to the lack of players. ²³⁶⁹