



# 2012 SPRING SEASON Scheduling POLICY

(as of November 18, 2011)

## **SCHEDULE**

Once a division schedule is posted on the MRL website [www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com](http://www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com), it shall be considered official. Changes are permitted at the discretion of the MRL Commissioner due to transcription errors, inaccurate information provided to the MRL or other cause as determined by the MRL Commissioner.

Other than One-Offs (self schedule games - see below) the dates and sites are final. If game times are posted, then they are confirmed (final) -- otherwise game times listed as TBA or am/pm are still being confirmed. As confirmations occur on game times, they will be posted.

MRL games must be played under MRL Rules.

## **ONE-OFFS (SELF SCHEDULE GAMES)—**

### **DEADLINE TO SCHEDULE IS FEBRUARY 24, 2012**

Games listed as TBA for the site, date and time are considered One-Offs or Self Schedule Games. The two teams are to mutually agree upon a **date, site and time** for the game and communicate the agreed upon date, time and site for the game to the MRL for posting. The designated host team is to secure referees.

**The deadline to establish game dates for One-Offs (Self Schedule Games) is February 24, 2012. The MRL Commissioner must be notified in writing of the game date, time and site as agreed to by the teams. If the game is not finalized by this date the game may be considered a NO CONTEST GAME and the game will be recorded as played but with no score and thus each team earning zero (0) points for the contest. Failure to schedule One-Offs by February 24, 2012 may result in fines assessed against teams.**

## **GAMES BETWEEN TEAMS FROM SAME CLUB**

All games that are to be played between teams from the same club must be played during the first one-third of each team's season or the game will be considered a No-Contest. No consideration will be made for games that are postponed. These games must be played within the first third of a team's schedule. For example, in a 9 game season, this game must be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> game of each team's season. For 6, 7 or 8 game season, this game must be the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> game of each team's season.

## **SCHEDULING FEE**

Any game that is scheduled as a one-off or game that was postponed and re-scheduled must be scheduled with at least seven (7) days notice to the referee assignor or each team will be assessed a \$20.00 rescheduling fee (both teams are liable for payment—total of \$20 is due to the MRL). Payment due within ten days of notice or the game will be counted as a No Contest. The date in which notice is given to the MRL and the ref assignor shall serve as the determining date of scheduling in applying this procedure.

## **NO CONTESTS**

Games deemed to be No Contests will be recorded as a game played but with no score and thus each team earning zero (0) points for the contest.

## **CHANGING CURRENT GAME SITE, DATE AND/OR TIME**

If for some reason your team wishes to change a game date or time, the procedure to change the game is as follows:

- (1) the team seeking to make the change contacts its opponent ...opponent must mutually agree on the game change in order for the change to occur. **(NOTE: in a weekend where teams are playing multiple games and teams are seeking to move a game off of the weekend, provided that the game being changed does not improve the competitive status of teams in a weekend with such determination made solely by the MRL Commissioner, then the teams may proceed in requesting a game change).** When notifying the MRL of any game changes, such communication must also be sent to the opponents.
- (2) if mutually agreed, contact the MRL with the request including the revised game date, time and site; and
- (3) MRL confirms the change by posting the revised game on its website.
- (4) Host team contacts local referee assignor with the change(s)

**If your opponent does not agree to a change then the game is scheduled to be played as posted.**

**For all Game Changes after December 21, 2011, information from both teams must be completed and forwarded to the MRL for approval.**

## **POSTPONED GAMES**

### Due to Closing of Field, Field Conditions or Inclement Weather (One Off)

If games are postponed the day of the game due to inclement weather, the participating teams will reschedule the game as if it were a One-Off (Self Schedule) game. Teams will have three (3) days following the date of postponed game to reschedule the contest. Failure to re-schedule shall result in the game considered a NO CONTEST GAME, as described above. MRL may allow teams past the three day deadline to reschedule if circumstances warrant.

### Due to One Team Attempting to Postpone (or Change Game) Without Opponent's Approval

In the event that a team arbitrarily postpones a game, without the consent of the opposing team, the game will be treated as a forfeit. Please know that a Premier Division team that forfeits any game will be relegated to the First Division for the following season. Team forfeiting a game within seven (7) days of a match is also responsible for full payment of Referee Fees for such games.

### Due to One Team Failing to Adhere to MRL Rules regarding Player Passes

In the event that a team is found to failing to adhere to the MRL Rules in regards to Player Passes (i.e. failure to bring player passes to game), the team in non-compliance shall forfeit the game. Please know that a Premier Division team that forfeits any game will be relegated to the First Division for the following season.

### Due to Field Conditions or Inclement Weather (as part of a series of division games during a weekend)

In situations where multiple games are being played at one site within a division, and games are postponed during the first day of competition (i.e. Saturday), the postponed games are to be scheduled to be played the following day (i.e. Sunday) if possible with such determination made solely by the MRL. A team committing to play games at a site with multiple games commits to play for the entire weekend (Saturday/Sunday). Any game changes should receive MRL approval. If the postponements occur on Sunday, then the teams will have three (3) days following the date of postponed game to reschedule the contest. Failure to re-schedule shall result in the game considered a NO CONTEST GAME, as described previously in this policy. MRL may allow teams past the three day deadline to reschedule if circumstances warrant.

***Should you have any questions on scheduling please direct them to the MRL Commissioner***