

2025-2026 SEASON

GAME CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

As most of you realize, our game schedule is extremely tight. League game cancellations should not be done without reason, but we do not want anyone traveling during dangerous road conditions. Safety of our families should be our first priority.

League game cancellation procedures:

1. Reasons for cancellation:

- a. Cancellation of a game due to weather is usually at the discretion of the traveling team, though we have occasionally had a home team cancel due to weather.
- b. The only other reason for cancellation may be due to equipment/ice failure. If possible, the scheduled game should be played at a different site before canceling.

2. Notifications:

- a. First notification for a request to reschedule due to items 1A or 1B should be between associations, and should begin with the **SCHEDULER** of each association.

MAKE SURE YOUR COACHES AND COORDINATORS KNOW THEY MUST REQUEST A CANCELLATION THROUGH THE LOCAL SCHEDULER OR A PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL SCHEDULER. This helps us avoid the possibility of someone not being notified. Each association is responsible for notifying their players, parents, coaches, staff, etc

- b. Second notification should be to the **SD Hockey Executive Director** who is the State League Scheduler and Officials Scheduler.. **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME TEAM.** The Executive Director will get the information on the website, notify the officials and begin working with the associations on rescheduling the games.

- i. If officials have already arrived for a game that is canceled, the home association may still be responsible for payment to that official if they have traveled some distance.

3. Rescheduling:

- a. See the Playing Rule below. The State League Scheduler will make every effort to reschedule a postponed game as quickly as possible. It is rare that the SD Hockey President becomes involved

From SDAHA Playing Rules:

“Rescheduling of games delayed due to weather shall be done promptly by the teams involved. If they are unable to come to an agreement quickly on rescheduling, the SDAHA president will make the decision. If possible, at least 48 hours notice shall be provided to the official’s scheduler. (4/07)

Team Eligibility - A team must play its entire SDAHA schedule in order to be eligible for State Tournament competition for that year, e.g. any team which fails to play a regularly scheduled or rescheduled SDAHA league game will be deemed to have forfeited that game and thus will be ineligible for State Tournament competition for that year.

If, however, there is no time available to reschedule a game, a decision will be made by the SDAHA Board on the eligibility of a team to play in a state tournament. These decisions will be based on a review of the circumstances of the cancellation, how standings will be affected, and the reasons for not rescheduling.

Questions on game cancellations should be directed to Executive Director Jenni Wirkus by using the information provided below!

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