

NPL RESCHEDULE POLICY

1. Each member club will designate the following **staff** with contact phone numbers, and emails, who will be charged with being accessible and responsive to communication through the season:

- a) NPL Club Administrator
- b) Facility Hosting Coordinator
- c) Club Technical Director

2. Play-Determination Deadlines:

- a) Less than 100 miles – minimum 10 hours prior to kick-off
- b) Over 100 miles – minimum 24 hours prior to kick-off
- c) Over 150 miles – minimum 10 pm the day prior to travel (i.e. if kick-off is Saturday, then notification of cancelation is required Thursday by 10 pm)

All clubs will attempt to secure at minimum two synthetic turf field options as back-ups to weather related field surface issues.

Club's agree to communicate by Wednesday 10 am weekly on upcoming travel events with regards to weather.

3. Once the play-determination deadline has passed without notification of a cancelation from a hosting club, the matches must be hosted by the host club, with the only exception becoming safety issues determined at the site (i.e. lightning, tornado, etc).

4. Travel Partner Situations: In any case that a Saturday match is canceled (due to weather) in which the traveling club was to participate in, the subsequent Sunday fixture will likewise be canceled.

- a) If either host club of a travel weekend elects to cancel, both travel partner hosts will be forced to cancel.
- b) Travel partner hosts are strongly encouraged to collaborate on field closure decisions.

5. Teams agree to utilize pre-scheduled rain-out dates in the annual calendar to make up any fixtures canceled due to weather.

6. Once the play-determination deadlines pass, host clubs may not cancel or close facilities to preserve facilities. Clubs have agreed to assess that risk and make decisions ahead of the play-determination deadlines above.

7. Not abiding by the reschedule policy may include consequences enforceable by league operating committee including fines, loss of home match privileges, and in cases of repeated offenses, disqualification from post season play.

RED RIVER NPL FACILITY STANDARDS

1. Nets & Goals – goals safely anchored, nets properly secured, tidy and professional presentation.
2. Corner Flags – corner flags professionally displayed
3. Field Lines – lines clearly visible, all required markings professionally laid out (technical area & spectator line?)
4. Surface – surface mowed evenly, no higher than 2.5” with 1.5” – 2” preferred.
5. Parking & Restroom accommodations sufficient to host 12 teams.
6. Athletic trainers will be provided at each facility , one per 4 operating fields. Trainers will arrive 60 minutes prior to first kick-off.

RED RIVER NPL REFEREE STANDARDS

1. Minimum grade referee license is 08.
2. Fourth Official – not required in league matches (?)
3. Must complete the game report following match
4. Must arrive 30 minutes prior to kick-off for team & field check-in
5. Must engage and interact with coaching staffs prior to and during match professionally.
6. Standby referee should be provided throughout the day in case of injury, tardiness, or no-show.
7. Maximum games in a row for a center referee shall be one.
8. Clubs will make efforts to have referee assessor on site during game play.
9. League operator will provide referee feedback mechanism.

RED RIVER NPL SIDELINE CONDUCT STANDARDS

1. See attached CODE OF CONDUCT.
2. Clubs agree to require each team to meet, review, and then each parent and player sign the attached Code of Conduct.
3. Future implementation will be discussed at next summit for future seasons.

BRANDING STANDARDS

1. No requirements for 2017-18 seasonal year (under consideration for future). All of the following are highly encouraged:
2. NPL uniform patches adhered to club uniform (follow USCS guidelines)
3. Field Signboards set up (follow field layout)
4. Website League Logo
5. Team Names

PLAYER STANDARDS

1. Red River goal and objective is that NPL be the primary platform for club's teams participating.
2. Players will be identified through NPL review and feedback from coaches and then selected to participate in National ID2 events.
3. Players must sign the Code of Conduct.
4. Coaches must include Code of Conduct values in training, instruction, and leading.

NPL Game Day Standards

The NPL has the highest expectation for players, parents and coaches to respect the game and create a positive environment for players to compete. This environment is dictated by the standards that are promoted within our team and club settings. The expectations are that each club/team member will follow the OPC guidelines for game day behavior. We believe this will promote an environment that will give the players the responsibility to interact with the game the right way and respond to adversity in the right way. The goal of the following codes of conduct is to create a prime environment for players to be their best. We want to constantly make the game about the players and their experience, never losing sight of what matters most.

I. Player Code of Conduct:

- A. Players will read the following and have a full understanding that the standards set below are designed to help them interact with the game with the highest level of gamesmanship. This will promote an environment where the player is constantly at his or her best and not disturbed by questionable calls or adverse situations the game may present.
- B. Players will not yell at referees. They will trust their coach to handle all referee decisions.
- C. Players will not yell at spectators or fans.
- D. Players will display sportsmanship at all times.
- E. Players will shake hands with all officials and opponents immediately following the game regardless of outcome.

II. Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct:

- A. The attendee will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- B. The attendee will demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, game officials and administrators at all times.
- C. The attendee will not coach my child from the sideline ever. Parents are encouraged to encourage their child and their team at all times.
- D. Parents will never yell at referees and are expected to allow coaches to handle referees at the appropriate time; understanding that yelling at referees distracts them from doing the best job possible and creates a poor environment for players to do their best. The game is about the players. Referees will make bad calls and will have bad days. However, this does not give reason to promote poor sportsmanship or break NPL standards.
- E. Referee criticism shall be done in writing to the NPL and not openly during games.
- F. Parents will be expected to never yell at an opposing player or parent.

III. Coach Code of Conduct:

- A. Coaches will be expected to comply with all codes of conduct.
- B. Coaches will be expected to be respectful in all interaction with game officials and administrators.
- C. Coaches will be expected to immediately deal with parents who break the standards listed above, or are disrespectful to referees, opposing players or parents, by removing them from the sideline.
- D. Coaches will be expected to take full responsibility for the conduct of their team and parents' sideline behavior.
- E. Coaches understand that the spirit behind the following standards is to create a fun and safe environment where kids can perform at their best.