



Reschedule Rules

First and foremost, reschedules are a courtesy, and you are at the mercy of the other side ... if they say no --- tough --- make it work. Each team had an opportunity to put in blackout dates. If both teams agree they're both equally responsible for any reschedule challenges they may face later in the season due to the lack of open dates, that all teams have now available. Exception to this are rainouts, and extenuating circumstances (see Georgia Soccer rules).

Once a game has been posted, date OR date and time ----- ANY change as far as date AND/OR time after this week, MUST be agreed to by BOTH sides ... you cannot change the time of a game without the other side agreeing.

Reschedules for ANY reason other than weather, should be done AT LEAST 7 days in advance ... trying to reschedule a weekend game on Thursday night is not OK and may not be accepted ... when you have your schedules, start talking to your teams to identify any problems. Also keep in mind, there are clubs that will enforce this as well.

We can NOT accept any emails that say we have agreed to not play this weekend (for any reason other than weather) and will reschedule it at a later date. IF you are not going to play a game you need, to have the reschedule agreed to AND submit it at that time ... several games hadn't gotten played in prior seasons due to this and it has cost teams promotion or relegation.

RESCHEDULE PROCESS

BOTH teams must agree to a reschedule either time and/or date ... if you are simply changing times, the home team scheduler can update it in the system, save the email/text trail in case there is any disagreement on who agreed to what. Remember once a time is posted BOTH teams must agree to any change. If you have a problem, then you let me know.

For a change of dates, you both must agree, the home team needs to make sure they have a field, then you need to email me in the following manner

ONE email for each reschedule. You do NOT need to include the Age Group Coordinator on the email trail until a change is agreed to with your opponent, UNLESS there is a problem.



The AGE Group/Bracket and GAME NUMBER MUST be in the subject line (it is the only way we can look up each game in the system)

The email body should have the names of both teams, the original game info and the new info. Example:

- Game Number: 123456
- Home team: UFA Pink
- Away team: Georgia Express Platinum
- Original date 9/21 - 3 pm Fowler 5
- New date 10/12 - 1 pm Fowler 10

You MUST ALSO attach the confirmation from the other side (either email or text trail) in one email thread ... just copying the other team is not adequate. Multiple email threads are not acceptable, and the reasons for this are several, for example we had teams that tried to make changes without the other side either agreeing, or even knowing about it.

Once a request for a reschedule is received, we will update it in the system within 24-48 hours ... the exception being if you send it Thursday or Friday, it may be Sunday or Monday before it is put in ... if however, you need it posted immediately for the printing of rosters, etc... please put URGENT in the subject line with the rest of the info.

If it is not sent in the proper format or with the needed information, it will be kicked back to you to fix and resubmit.

RESCHEDULE GUIDELINES/SUGGESTIONS

Reschedules are a courtesy, and you are not required to agree on a request. You have the right to say no. Other organizations outside Georgia Soccer either may not give you that option at all, or, charge your club a high fee for each reschedule approved. Georgia Soccer allows reschedule agreements between two clubs as a courtesy. The catch is the risk that you assume when you accept and back load your schedule as a result (see below).

If a team tells you they need to reschedule because they were scheduled on a blackout date not granted, it simply will not be true. Because if it were true, it would be fixed in the prior step outlined above which is now this week.



Please, DO NOT ask an out of market team who is coming to you to reschedule, and put them in a difficult situation. They may have back to back games scheduled on Sat/Sun to accommodate travel efficiency for their teams (specifically Savannah and South Georgia) and to make it work, multiple teams need to get involved and/or they have to play 3 games in a weekend ... not an option.

If you must reschedule, try for earlier dates than the original, when possible. DO NOT BACK LOAD your season ... we cannot stress this enough. Because teams always end up going into the last 2 weeks of the season needing to play 5-6 games and looking for help ... understand, more than likely you will have at least one cancellation due to weather sometime during the season ... so if you have loaded up the last

three weeks of your season you will have no place to put a reschedule and keep in mind your opponent may have blacked out a late date (which they have the right). So if you need to say NO - again you can. If you end up with a problem at the end of the season it is because you agreed to it.

You may agree to play on a weeknight ... you may schedule yourself two games in a day (it's been done before with out of market teams to eliminate another trip) ... again, you only play two games in a day only IF you agree to it ...