



Scheduling Policy

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Schedule Creation

The following policies will govern the scheduling efforts for Spotsylvania County Little League. These are guidelines and accommodations that SCLL attempts to adhere to during the creation of the original schedule. Due to the many complexities and issues that are not under our control, we cannot make any scheduling guarantees.

- Managers/Coaches of Multiple Teams. – SCLL will prioritize efforts to deconflict schedules of Managers/Coaches of Multiple Teams. This includes deconflicting weeknight schedules as well as doing our best to schedule their events back to back on the same field on Saturdays. Managers get the highest priority in this followed by assistant coaches. However, because we do not control field availability, we cannot make any guarantees.
- Consistent Days of Week. – SCLL will attempt to have each division's games and/or practices on consistent weekdays during a given season. For kid pitch divisions, we will attempt to schedule games on consistent pair of weeknights to accommodate the need for available player pool players.
- Manager Requests. – SCLL will attempt to honor manager conflict requests that are reasonable and given advance of the season (for example, certain times of day on Saturdays, certain dates on the calendar to avoid). **Manager requests for the upcoming season are due no later than the deadline to submit coaching requests.**
- Field Assignment. – The assignment of fields is administered by Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation. Field preferences are determined by several factors including but not limited to: light requirements, umpire coverage, length of games, and field configuration (softball vs baseball). Every attempt will be made to schedule weeknight player pitch games on lighted fields.

Cancellations and Makeups

The following policies will govern the cancellations and makeups for Spotsylvania County Little League. These are guidelines and accommodations that SCLL attempts to adhere to when rescheduling games and what we expect of managers. Due to the many complexities and issues that are not under our control, we cannot make any scheduling guarantees.

- Cancellations. – When weather and/or field conditions are not suitable for play across the league, SCLL will issue a league-wide cancellation of games and practices. In the absence of a league-wide decision, Rule 3.10 and Rule 4.01(d) cover the game time decision to cancel or play. Whenever possible, fields should be worked in an attempt to make them playable prior to the game. Managers should take initiative to organize coaches and team parents in that effort. **Managers cannot cancel games in advance without prior authorization from the SCLL Board of Directors** and should make every

effort to hold practices as scheduled. When scheduling conflicts arise, player pool should be utilized when there are absent players and assistants/volunteers should be used in place of absent coaches.

- Makeup Games. – SCLL will attempt to schedule makeup games for games cancelled or suspended due to weather or field conditions. Priority will be given to games necessary to meet team level all-star requirements. Because of time constraints, # of game requirements, umpire resources, and limited field availability, makeup games may present additional scheduling conflicts; again, player pool should be utilized when there are absent players and assistants/volunteers should be used in place of absent coaches. Managers may suggest potential makeup dates, however the decision on when to schedule the makeup will be made by the league scheduler taking into account field availability, umpire coverage, etc. **Additional scheduling conflicts may be considered if provided within 24 hours of game cancellation.**

- Additional Practice Requests. – SCLL does not reschedule practices. Teams may request additional practices during the season **through the league scheduler.** A **72 hour** advanced notice must be given to ensure there is time to request the field from Spotsylvania Parks and Rec. The manager or other team representative must pay for and pick up the assigned field receipt from Spotsylvania Parks & Rec. As of February 2020, the cost of a field rental to hold a 2 hour practice is \$10. Practices held without league consent and on fields not included in our facility survey are not covered by our insurance policy.