



RAIN / FIELD CLOSURES POLICY

Rain & Field Closures Policy

Games, practices and other activities will take place as scheduled, unless you hear otherwise from your coach or from MRYSL. We will endeavor to post cancellations and field closures on the MRYSL websites, facebook and twitter.

Please Note: If the owner of the field closes the field, then practices and games cannot be played on that field. "Field Closed" signs posted by the parks & rec departments or schools will be more current and take precedence over any notices on MRYSL's website. As we do not own the fields on which we play, we must respect the decision of the owners (such as City of Arcata Parks & Rec. Dept., the McKinleyville Community Services District, and Arcata Elementary School District).

Please respect the fields. If you see a "closed" sign, please **stay off the soccer fields!** (In the event conditions change, we will try to convince the owner to let us use the fields – but it is still up to the owner!)

If the owner doesn't close the fields, MRYSL may still cancel games, practices or other activities based on field conditions, how much it rained in the last 24-48 hours, and/or how much it is raining or expected to rain during the activity.

The MRYSL President, in consultation with the Referee Coordinator, can cancel games **prior to** the scheduled time of play. Other than the owner of the field, the only other person authorized to cancel a game **on the field** is the referee scheduled for that game after (s)he personally inspects the field. Coaches **cannot** cancel a scheduled game, even by mutual consent.

In the event of rain, teams should assume that games will be played, and proceed to the field, unless otherwise notified by MRYSL or the team coach.

If activities are cancelled, MRYSL will endeavor to post a notification on the web (www.madriverunited.com and www.mrysl.net). It is coaches' responsibility to check the web site, facebook page or twitter to notify their team. The home coach must contact the visiting coach to tell them of cancellation. Local or rec games that are rained out are usually not made up.

Every effort is made to play **Mad River United** games when we are hosting teams from out of the area. We **may** have alternate fields available; coaches should check with the League President, program coordinator or referee assignor.