

Game Cancellation Policy



At McMaster please follow any staff instructions for clearing fields and resuming play. Please respect and comply with any & ALL staff requests. When asked to leave the field and get to shelter, please do so. As captains, you are also responsible for your players' conduct as well. By not following field rental space policies you jeopardize our field permits and our relationships with the venues. Staff have policies that they must follow. It is their job. Please make it easier for them, not harder.

Cancellations Due to:

Game Default (summer & fall outdoor)

If the team you are playing does not have a full team 15 minutes past the scheduled start time, 7 players stand on the line and begin counting a point against them for every 5 minutes they are late (i.e. score will be 1-0 at 6:50 pm, for 6:30pm start time). If a team cannot field 5 players (including at least 2 women matching players) 30 minutes past the scheduled start time, the team will receive zero points and zero spirit points.

The captain must communicate to the opposing captain and league convener that their team must forfeit, then they will only lose half their bond. Recurring defaults result in a loss of the entire default bond and teams must answer to the league convener, and accept recruits assigned.

Bad Weather

To allow for changing conditions, cancelled games may not be called until just a few minutes before game time. Check the website for last minute changes if you suspect a field will be rained out. If there is nothing posted on the website, please remember to go to your fields for 6:30 pm. If there is lightning or thunder, take shelter in a permanent shelter or vehicle. Captains can exchange phone numbers before taking shelter to wait out the weather.

Wait 30 minutes after last seeing lightning or hearing thunder, before starting/resuming play. If you are unable to take the field safely by 7:45pm, please discuss canceling the game with the opposing captain.

Field Condition

***Please report any long-term field damage in your score report OR [here](#).**

If there is any standing water pooling on grass fields, **do not play**. If you are able to re-align your field orientation or change the field size and avoid these sections, play can resume. But field preservation is of the highest priority. Damage to the fields now, leads to uneven surfaces later in the season resulting in turned ankles, other injuries, or even closed fields.

Games that are cancelled for weather are not made up unless the League Convener requests it.

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