



Practice Cancellation/Rescheduled Policy

Cancelled Sessions

Practices may be cancelled prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of session for:

- 1) Impending weather—DOC staff shall make a determination based on weather predictions and satellite maps as to the possibility of using outdoor training sites. Present field conditions combined with possible weather could result in closing of scheduled club training facilities but not cancellation of team function if coach can secure another site (see below for Alternate Site Procedure).
- 2) Unavoidable coach and staff scheduling conflicts— The DOC Staff should be consulted on any conflict causing a team coach to be unable to conduct the scheduled training session in order to exhaust all possible substitute trainer options prior to cancelling.
- 3) Team Activity Overload—Practices on the Friday preceding or Monday following a weekend long event (tournament, showcase, etc.) may be cancelled in order to allow rest and regeneration for the athletes.

Rescheduled Sessions

Practice sessions should be rescheduled after four practices have been cancelled for reasons 1 and 2 of the above Cancelled Sessions Policy. Team Coach and Manager should coordinate with parents to determine desire for reschedule and potential day(s) for session. Only one rescheduled session can be added per week. Extra sessions can be scheduled with approval and coordination of DOC staff and will only be approved with consideration to the players' weekly workload. Rescheduled sessions may be conducted at field/site other than one typically used by the team.

Weather-driven Alternative Site

An alternative site may be used by a team and should be coordinated between Team Coach and Manager to determine location. If email is used to announce change in venue, it should be done so prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the change with efforts made to contact all members of the team including those who are known not to have access to email at the time of change. Coach and Manager should coordinate to communicate effectively with all members of team. Indoor sites should be used if weather conditions make the players' safety questionable.