

WCAL BYLAWS

Article IV – Special Rulings

1. FORFEITURES – A forfeiture shall result in a win for the offended team and a loss for the offending team. A game or contest shall be forfeited for the following reasons:
 - A. Failure to play a scheduled opponent at the appointed time and place and/or failure to complete a scheduled game or contest.
 - B. Failure to provide sufficient and certified (Association) officials, proper facilities, and proper supervision and control which are necessary for the particular sport being played.
 - C. Failure to give proper notice in the case of a proper postponement of a scheduled game or contest. (See “Postponements”)
 - D. Failure to provide for the rescheduling of a postponed contest within the specified time period.
 - E. Unauthorized cancellations of a scheduled game or contest. (See “Cancellations”)
 - F. The falsification or misrepresentation of the reasons which were submitted for the postponement and/or cancellation of a scheduled game or contest.
 - G. Use of ineligible athletes.
 - H. Failure of a team to have an adult coach or supervisor.
 - I. In a situation where one team cannot provide an opponent in a league match the following rule will apply:
 1. When one coach decides his/her team cannot provide a player to compete in a league match, then both coaches can agree a forfeit has occurred in the specific class of competition for that contest. Further, this forfeit will be established and communicated to the other school’s head coach and athletic director at least one day prior to the event so the team that receives the forfeit does not have to have its athletes present.
Any disagreement under this situation between the two teams will be resolved by the Commissioner.
2. POSTPONEMENTS
 - A. Scheduled Games and Contests – A scheduled game or contest may be postponed for the following reasons:
 1. Inclement weather, except for football and indoor sports.
Note: Due to the difficulty of rescheduling football games, scheduled games should be played despite poor weather, unless the poor weather proves destructive. (Refer to football By-Laws.)
 2. The sudden loss of facilities, due to causes beyond the school’s control.
 3. A school is closed due to epidemic.
 4. Mutual consent of the Principals of the schools involved whenever the best interests of the students are to be served.
 5. Failure of assigned officials to appear or the unavailability of qualified officials.
3. PROCEDURE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS:
 - A. The school seeking the postponement must notify the other school by noon of the scheduled day.
 - B. The Commissioner must be notified as soon as possible.
 - C. Refer to the By-Laws of the individual sports for rescheduling procedures specific to that sport.
 - D. Rescheduling Priorities
 1. In case of a postponement of a League contest, rescheduling should be made to accommodate the already-published schedule of the schools involved.
 2. In case of a non-league postponement which needs to be rescheduled, the League schedule shall not be altered to facilitate a non-league contest.

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4. PROCEDURE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF LEAGUE PLAYOFFS AND LEAGUE MEETS
 - A. Only the League Commissioner can postpone a League Playoff and/or League Meet. He/she can do so only after consultation with the host school, the Meet Director and the competing teams.
 - B. The Commissioner will notify the competing schools before noon, if possible.
 - C. In those cases where the cause for postponement occurs after noon, the Commissioner will notify competing teams immediately.

5. CANCELLATIONS
 - A. Only the League Commissioner can cancel a scheduled game or contest, a League playoff, or a League meet.
 - B. The Principals of the competing schools, by mutual consent, may request a cancellation whenever the best interests of the students are concerned.
 - C. Requests for a cancellation, along with the reasons for same, must be submitted to the League Commissioner in time for proper notification of all parties concerned.
 - D. A postponed game or contest, approved by the League Commissioner, may be cancelled by the League Commissioner and/or by the mutual consent of both schools, if such game or contest has no bearing on the final standings.
 - E. Smog Alert – Game and Practice Cancellations: All schools shall comply with the directives issued by the County School Offices in regard to the cancellation of practices and games due to a Smog Alert.

6. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE POSTPONEMENT AND/OR CANCELLATION PROCEDURES.

The team or teams found in violation of the procedures set in this Article regarding Postponement and/or Cancellations may be liable for suspension from the League Playoffs, meets or tournaments of the sport involved. The Principals of the schools involved shall be consulted prior to any suspension action by the Commissioner.