



USA Club Rugby Competition Policies

'Match Played' & Weather Cancellation Policies: XVs

All senior club matches sanctioned by the USA Rugby National Competitions Committee or USA Rugby Performance Game Board shall adhere to the following weather cancellation policy.

Match Played

Matches must be played for at least 60 minutes to stand, and any match played for less than 80 minutes must be allowed by a League Commissioner or Match Commissioner per the 'Incomplete Matches' guidelines contained within this document.

Matches must contain at least 12 properly registered players on the field per team to constitute a match. In accordance with World Rugby Law 3, there must be 3 front-row eligible players at the start of the match required for contested scrums. If there are not 3 front-row eligible players, the match is considered a forfeit.

Rosters must be exchanged before kickoff. Rosters as of kickoff are locked. No non-rostered player may be added to the team roster after kickoff. Rostered players arriving after kick off may only enter the field with the permission of the match official. Players arriving after Kickoff must remain present after the match to allow the opposing team the opportunity to perform an ID check.

Incomplete Matches

If a match cannot be completed due to severe weather, the following guidelines shall be adhered to:

1. Matches played for less than 40 minutes. If a match is not played for at least 40 minutes in a single day, the match result shall not stand and any/all future re-matches shall start from the first minute.

Example: A match with a score of 12-7 that is stopped in the 30th minute on a Saturday may not be resumed on Sunday. The match starts over on Sunday in the 1st minute with a score of 0-0.

2. Matches played for between 40 and 60 minutes. If a match is played for at least 40 minutes, but not played for at least 60 minutes, the match may be suspended and re-started at the time it was stopped at a future date.

Example: A match with a score of 17-12 that is stopped in the 48th minute on a Saturday may be resumed on Sunday in the 48th minute with a score of 17-12.

3. Matches played for between 60 and 80 minutes. If a match is played for at least 60 minutes and cannot be resumed the same day, the match result stands.

Example: A match with a score of 24-19 that is stopped in the 63rd minute on a Saturday stands as played and will not be resumed on Sunday.



Multi-Match Weekends

In the event that multiple matches are scheduled in the same weekend and matches from the first day that determine the second day's schedule cannot be completed to at least 60 minutes on the first day, the first day matches shall be resumed or restarted on the second day. Matches scheduled for the second day may then either be played on the second day or made up on the next available weekend. It is heavily advised that teams not play two full matches on the same day.

If teams scheduled to face each other on the second day of a multi-match weekend end differently (example: one completed to 80 minutes; one stopped at 47 minutes), it is advised the first matches are completed and the scheduled second day matches be made up on the next available weekend. It is heavily advised teams not play second-day matches with different rest, and that playoff events endeavor to schedule teams that may face each other at the same kickoff time if severe weather is possible. It is also heavily advised that teams not play two full matches on the same day.

Role of the Match Commissioner / League Commissioner

It is the Match Commissioner's role to determine if matches can be resumed under severe weather and/or how to manage the scheduling of second day matches in multi-match weekends. If a Match Commissioner is not assigned to a match or event, the League Commissioner shall have the Match Commissioner's authority to make a determination.

In the absence of a League Commissioner, the Competitive Region representative for the affected competition shall assume the role/authority of the League Commissioner. In the absence of a Competitive Region representative for the affected competition, the Competitive Region Chair shall assume the role/authority of the League Commissioner.

For Competitive Region playoff events, if a Match Commissioner is not assigned to a match or event, the Competitive Region Chair shall assume the role/authority of the Match Commissioner.

Severe Weather Policy

For severe weather guidelines, see: *Severe Weather & Lightning Policy*