

## *OYAA Soccer – Field Status Notification Guidelines*

The Olentangy Youth Athletic Association partners with Liberty Township, the City of Powell, Orange Township and the Olentangy Local School District to provide fields for the soccer programs. OYAA agrees to manage these game fields so they remain in good condition for all league games. The Director of Soccer works closely with the staff at those community parks and school locations to monitor the playing surface conditions. It is our #1 priority to see games are played as scheduled. If weather conditions are poor we will use the following guidelines to assess the field conditions, and notify all OYAA Soccer program participants: team coaches, families, and referees.

**IMPORTANT** - if the fields are open, the referee & coaches must work together to make a game time decision regarding the field and weather conditions. The referee(s) have the final decision.

### Field Conditions Assessment

1. OYAA and the park/school maintenance staff work together to assess the field conditions.
2. The parks/schools will have final decision on field status.
3. Field status will be announced 1 to 2 hours before game time (7:30am on weekends; 4:00pm on weekdays)
4. Field status will be posted at [www.oyaa.org](http://www.oyaa.org) using the News Update and Field Directory features.

### Field Closure Notification

Weekdays (Monday to Friday):

**Scenario #1** = Fields are closed, OYAA will

- i. Post a Field Status message on the Field Directory Page at [www.OYAA.org](http://www.OYAA.org) by 4:00 PM
- ii. Communicate with Director of Soccer so all soccer program coordinators are notified

Weekends (Saturday and Sunday):

**Scenario #1** = Fields open....No news = Good news! Field Directory Page may remain unchanged at

**Scenario #2** = Fields are closed for the morning only & games begin after 11:59am, OYAA will

- i. Post a Message on the Field Directory page by 7:30 AM
- ii. Update individual location/field status as necessary on the field Directory page
- iv. OYAA rec soccer team schedule may not be changed online.

**Scenario #3** = Fields are closed all day & games cancelled, OYAA will

- i. Post a Message on the Field Directory page by 7:30 AM
- ii. Update individual location/field status as necessary on the field Directory page
- iv. OYAA rec soccer team schedule may not be changed online.use the field directory page

### OYAA REC SOCCER -- WHO MUST KNOW THAT FIELDS ARE CLOSED . . .

1. **Team Members** – OYAA rec soccer team coaches MUST contact the families on their team. Coaches can use the Dashboard feature on the team webpage. To access the Dashboard, coaches should login to their OYAA Online Registration account.
2. **Opponent** – OYAA rec soccer teams are not required to contact opponents
3. **Referees** – OYAA will notify the Rec Soccer referees via email using the Arbiter referee scheduling system
4. **Game Field Locations for Fall 2013**

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| • <u>U5 Games:</u>                 | Powell Adventure Park and Freedom Trail Elementary School |
| • <u>U6 Games:</u>                 | Heritage Elementary School and Havener Park               |
| • <u>U7, U8, U9 and U10 Games:</u> | North Orange Park, Liberty Park and Havener Park          |
| • <u>U11/12 Games:</u>             | Wyandot Run Elementary School and Liberty Park            |
| • <u>MSSA &amp; HSSA Games:</u>    | Liberty Park and Wyandot Run Elementary School            |

**MSSA & HSSA SOCCER – WHO MUST KNOW THAT FIELDS ARE CLOSED . . .**

1. **Team Members** – team coaches MUST contact the families on their team. Coaches can use the Dashboard feature on the team webpage. To access the Dashboard, coaches should login to their OYAA Online Registration account.
2. **Opponent** – MSSA & HSSA team coaches must notify their opponents using league contact document.
3. **Referees** – the MSSA & HSSA coordinator must notify the referee assignor so game officials are notified.

**CLASSICS EAGLES SOCCER – WHO MUST KNOW THAT FIELDS ARE CLOSED . . .**

1. **Team Members** – team coaches & managers MUST work together to contact the families on their team. Team Managers and Coaches can email, call or send text messages.
2. **Opponent** – Classics Eagles team manager/coach must notify their opponents using league contact document.
3. **Referees** – Classics Eagles team manager/coach must notify the referees assigned to their game.

## OYAA Soccer – League Game Rescheduling Guidelines

OYAA supports several different soccer programs. Teams within in each of these programs participate in a variety leagues. Information below is separated by OYAA Soccer program and is tailored each groups specific needs.

All Reschedule requests should be sent to the Director of Soccer at [OYAASOCCERFIELDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OYAASOCCERFIELDS@GMAIL.COM)

\* IMPORTANT : When submitting a game reschedule request for an OYAA field please include the following information in your correspondence. All items are required for the request to be processed.

1. Team Number (OYAA rec soccer teams) | Team Name (MSSA, Classics Eagles “color”)
2. Age Group and Gender
3. IF OYAA rec team, indicate if you are an east or west side team (helps define which fields to consider)
4. Original Game Date, Time, Field, Opponent (oyaa rec #; team name)
5. Reason for Reschedule – why was the original game cancelled?

### OYAA Recreational Soccer (u5-u12, MSSA and HSSA teams)

1. **Weeknight games** – if an OYAA rec soccer game is cancelled on a weeknight (Monday through Friday), the coaches involved in the game should communicate and decide on 2-3 alternate days to play the game. One coach (representing both teams) should send the information to Director of Soccer ([OYAASOCCERFIELDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OYAASOCCERFIELDS@GMAIL.COM)). OYAA will review the Master Game Field Schedule to find the best possible option. A Reply message will be sent back to that coach with confirmation of the new game time and location. If needed, she will share the new game information with the referee coordinator.
2. **Weekend games** –
  - If fields are closed for a half or a full day (i.e. Saturday) due to poor field conditions, OYAA will take responsibility for rescheduling games to a new date and time. Team schedules will be updated and posted [www.OYAA.org](http://www.OYAA.org) and an email sent to the coaches announcing the updates.
  - If a single game is cancelled because of severe weather (i.e. lightning) the coaches involved should follow the rescheduling process described above in **1. Weeknight games**.
3. **U5 and U6 Age Groups** – because U5 and U6 games do not use referees, anytime a game is cancelled the coaches involved in the game should communicate and decide on 2-3 alternate days to play the game. One coach (representing both teams) should send the information to Director of Soccer ([OYAASOCCERFIELDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OYAASOCCERFIELDS@GMAIL.COM)). OYAA will review the Master Game Field Schedule to find the best possible option. A Reply message will be sent back to that coach with confirmation of the new game time and location.
4. **U7, U8, U9/10, U11/12** –
  - **Schedule Conflict (i.e. School program night)** - because the U7, U8, U9/10 and U11/12 age groups have referees assigned to each game, OYAA must be notified of ANY game that is cancelled BEFORE the date of play. Please follow the instructions details above based on day of week the game is being played.
  - **Field Closure** – if the fields are closed due to poor field conditions, OYAA will ask coaches to follow the guidelines above in **1. Weeknight games/ 2. Weekend games**