



MWSL 2021-22 Schedulers Report

The Fall/Winter 2021-22 season was challenging to say the least! We started the season optimistically with 181 teams after having to sit out the 2020-21 season due to the global pandemic. The first few months went fairly smoothly, barring a few cancellations due to COVID outbreaks on a few teams. Unfortunately, things fell apart shortly after with the heavy rains in October and November, causing massive flooding in many areas of the Fraser Valley. Roads were flooded or completely wiped out and access to many areas was impossible for many weeks. Many routes were inaccessible to all but essential traffic making it impossible to continue league and cup play in many regions. Other games had to be cancelled due to provincial gas restrictions. After the Christmas break there were cancellations due to the snow and freezing weather conditions in January as well as rampant outbreaks of the Omicron variant of COVID 19.

All these challenges lead to a lot of teams having played no cup games by the middle of February and also many teams having several league games unplayed as well. As we neared the end of the season a decision was made by the board to focus on getting league games rescheduled over cup games. As this was done, we found ourselves with many teams having played none or very few cup games by the middle of February. With only 5 weeks left in the 2021-22 season and also still no definite information from the Provincial Health Organization that restrictions on adult tournaments would be lifted, the very difficult decision had to be made to cancel the MWSL cup playoff tournament for March 27, 2022.

Hopefully we can put this disastrous season behind us and look forward to a productive and fun Spring season.

*****PLEASE NOTE***** 😊 Remember to direct all scheduling ques4ons/comments to me, Leslie, at scheduling_league@mwsl.com.

There is a “**Request to Reschedule**” form on the website under “Resources”. Please use this form whenever you are reques4ng to reschedule a game. Also, please make sure you are aware of the rules around reschedule requests.

- The league does make accommoda4ons to reschedule a game for legi4mate reasons but we **do not** reschedule games due to **lack of players**.
- Teams are responsible for recrui4ng enough players or **Intra-club** or **Youth-Senior transfer forms** to fill their roster if they are short players.
- Teams are requested **not** to contact each other to reschedule a game.

Please make note of these few things for your information:

Field Closures: Teams should always remember to check the web page for changes after 8:00pm on Friday for a Saturday game and after 1:00pm on Saturday for a Sunday game. I try to get the Friday/Saturday cancellations up on the web page as soon as I can but **please remember to check the web page before your game** as sometimes last minute changes are unavoidable.

All HOME teams should check their field before the game and notify the other team, league scheduler and the league administrator, if the field is not playable! (Standing water, deep potholes, ice or snow, common sense should dictate)

If you check the website of the municipality your game is to be in and it says the field is closed please **do not** assume the game is cancelled as there may be another field available to move the game to. Our aim should always be to get the game played because that is why we are here.

Useful information:

- League Information and **Rules and Regulations** can be found on the MWSL web site (www.mwsl.com). If you have a question, check there first, then, if you can't find the answer, e-mail me at (lbforsoccer@hotmail.com or scheduler_league@mwsl.com) or call (604-816-6939) for scheduling questions or Jo-Dee (admin@mwsl.com) for administrative questions. All teams are reminded that the league Rules and Regulations are made by you, the members, and we just try to apply them as fairly as possible.
- **Rescheduling games-** I make every attempt to reschedule any missed games at a convenient time for both teams. If you have a field available and want to set up a make-up game please contact me and I will attempt to get it scheduled.
- Find out when the Parks Boards field meetings are for your municipality and attend these meetings to push for more turf fields to be built and improved access to all fields for women's teams.
- Please make sure you check the web page on a regular basis to ensure your scores and other info entered on the web page is correct.

If you have any questions regarding MWSL scheduling please contact me directly by e-mail at lbforsoccer@hotmail.com or scheduler_league@mwsl.com. E-mail is preferable but you can call/text me at 604-816- 6939.

Thanks,

Have a great season.

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