



## **MWSL 2016-2017 Schedulers Report**

Congratulations! You made it through the worst soccer season, weather wise, in the last 20 years. Hopefully, this season was just a "one off" and three months of snow is not a new trend in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.

The weather was a huge factor in getting games played this season with several municipalities closing all grass fields as early as October. I no sooner got those games rescheduled and the snow came! There were many games that had to be rescheduled at least 4 different times! This is the first time I have been unable to keep up with all the games needing to be played and only a very few teams actually were able to get all of their league games played. Teams taking the initiative to contact the other team to get the game rescheduled, where possible, was much appreciated as well.

I really appreciated teams being flexible this season and trying hard to pull a team together with only one week's notice, and sometimes not even a week. Your efforts did not go unnoticed as we realize that people do have other commitments.

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 don't 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](http://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](mailto:lbforsoccer@hotmail.com) or [scheduler\\_league@mwsl.com](mailto:scheduler_league@mwsl.com)) or call (604-816-6939) for scheduling questions or Jo-Dee ([admin@mwsl.com](mailto: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](mailto:lbforsoccer@hotmail.com) or [scheduler\\_league@mwsl.com](mailto:scheduler_league@mwsl.com). E-mail is preferable but you can call me at 604-816- 6939.

Thanks. Have a great season.  
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