

# CDYSL EXEC and GAMES COMMITTEE

## Proposal and Rationale for Changes to Spring 2009 League Play

Proposal for Changes to the 2009 Spring Season (to be voted on at October 16<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting):

### - Revisions to Game Rules for Setting Up Master Game Schedules:

1. **Reduce number of games from a 12 game schedule to 10** for U8 through U17 divisions.
2. **U19 Coaches to determine placement/schedule.** The number/format of games for U19 divisions will be determined after team commitments have been compiled. Coaches to be called together to determine the number of games to play (no more than 10 games) and how best to setup schedules to accommodate ie: small tournament formats, fewer games, etc.
3. **No games scheduled for Mother's/Father's Day**
4. **No "No-Play" Dates** with team commitment forms
5. **Revise Traditional Play days for U8's and U10's**
  - U8's – Fridays and on Saturday or Sunday
  - U10 Boys – Tuesdays and Sundays (Games can be rescheduled to Saturdays if needed)
  - U10 Girls – Thursdays and Sundays (Games can be rescheduled to Saturdays if needed)
  - Longer travel distances to be scheduled for Saturdays/Sundays
6. **The League Office will attempt to provide Drafts copies of Coach's Directory for age groups distributed at Mandatory Coaches meetings to facilitate early contact with opposing coaches.** Preliminary schedules will be distributed at end of March as usual. Hard copies of Draft Coach's Directory for age groups also distributed (Final copies will be forwarded electronically once revisions from Coaches meeting have been compiled)
7. **Coaches will have ONE WEEK (until April 3<sup>rd</sup>) to review preliminary schedules, identity conflicts, contact opposing coaches to reschedule games at NO charge**
8. CDYSL will compile requests and post FINAL Schedule by April 10th
9. After the Final Schedule is posted, coaches may reschedule games but must follow the established guidelines announced at the Mandatory Coaches meetings, outlined in the Coaches Manual and posted on the CDYSL website.

### - Revisions to Game Fees

1. **Reduce Team Commitment fee from \$130 to \$110 if 10 game season approved**
2. **Increase Game Reschedule fee:** Once Final Schedule is posted the fee to reschedule games for ALL non-weather related reasons will be increased from **\$3.50 to \$5** (Reflects increases in 2009-2011 assignor fees)

### RATIONALE:

#### Trends from 2005-2008

- **Team Placement:** Number of teams committing to play in travel league reduced by 50 over past 4 yrs.
  - U8's & U10's Mon/Fri and Tues/Thurs weekday play too much during school week
  - Competition from other sports, lacrosse, AAU basketball, etc.
- **Team Withdrawals after Commitment in January:** Numbers remain between 5 & 8% of teams committed in January, Good news – increased penalties for late WD encouraged earlier WD which caused less disruption in final master schedule
- **Rescheduled Games/Forfeits:** Non-weather related reschedule requests and forfeits up significantly
  - School events rescheduled create conflicts to field full team
  - Not enough players after school gets out
  - Increases in travel costs
  - Increases in requests to reschedule for tournament play
- **Referee Availability:** In spite of increased efforts to train additional refs, availability is still a problem particularly on Mother's Day/ Father's Day
- **Referee Fees:** Will increase an average of \$10 per game next year
- **Field Availability:** Availability reduced particularly for those clubs who share with other groups
  - Reduced space for games
  - Reduced space for practices

#### Reduction of 12 Game Schedule to 10 Games for U8 – U17 Divisions

- Fewer Games to Schedule
- More time to practice during league season
- Fewer Teams needed per division, able to be more flexible especially in geographic placement
- Less travel time/cost to players
- Additional games available at tournaments