

Middletown Youth Soccer Club

Game change procedure for the 2009 spring season

What is the game change period?

Today, the preliminary schedule was issued by SuperLiga for all age levels partaking in the spring season. The game change period begins when this preliminary schedule is issued and it ends on March 8th at 6pm with NO exceptions. The final schedule is expected around March 11th. During this window of opportunity a coach may request a change to the preliminary schedule by contacting the opposing coach. There can be a variety of reasons for requesting a game change, for instance SAT testing, Mothers Day, Religious Holidays, Regional Cup Games etc etc.

DO NOT distribute a copy of the preliminary schedule to anyone. Prior experience has shown that the preliminary schedule has been mistakenly used by players during the course of the season. This can result in people showing up at the wrong location because of a field change that only appeared in the final schedule. Save yourself the aggravation of a missing player and simply discuss this schedule rather than distributing it.

Once you receive the preliminary schedule, you should review it to see if there are any conflicts that you know about. There are a number of scenarios that could arise during the game change period; here is an outline of what to do in each case.

If there are no schedule changes necessary

First of all let's say you don't find any issues with the preliminary schedule and you don't hear from the opposing coaches, which is perfectly ok. You don't have to notify anyone nor do anything, just wait until the FINAL schedule is issued; which will be around March 11th. Don't distribute the preliminary schedule even if there are no changes, something could still happen!

Who to contact for game changes

All game changes are to go through Glenn Smith. His email address is Games@MiddletownYouthSoccer.org. Absolutely no game changes are final until Glenn has approved of the change.

If an opposing coach requests a change to a game to be played away from Middletown.

Let's assume that your opposing coach wants to make a change to a Home game for his/her team ie a game that is not scheduled for a Middletown field. They would notify you of the game # and the new proposal, if you want to accept the change you can agree to it without prior approval from *Glenn*

However, when both coaches have agreed to the change you **MUST** send an email to *Glenn* confirming the Game #, new date, new time, and field #. This information will be relayed to SuperLiga by *Glenn* so that it will be taken into account for the final schedule. The email address to use for game changes is Games@MiddletownYouthSoccer.org
The subject line of your message should reflect the game number.

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If you, or an opposing coach request a change to a game scheduled to take place on a Middletown Field.

This is a more involved situation than the ones previously covered. If you are the coach requesting the change you should figure out what might work for you, send an email to Games@MiddletownYouthSoccer.org to see if your new date/time slot is available at the relevant field. It may be best to check on two different options, you can then provide two options to the opposition. Once you have been provided with the options and when both coaches have agreed to the change you **MUST** send an email to Games@MiddletownYouthSoccer.org confirming the Game #, new date, new time, and field #. This information will be relayed to SuperLiga by *Glenn* so that it will be taken into account for the final schedule. Do NOT send an email to SuperLiga about any game or issue, refer all game change questions, requests, conflicts, confirmations or whatever to the above address.

By sending your final confirmation to the above email address it will confirm the slot you have chosen and open up the non-chosen slot so that somebody else can use it.

If an opposing coach requests a change to a game that is scheduled for Middletown, you would follow the same format as noted above.

Do I have to agree to a request for a game change?

The short answer is no, you don't have to agree to a game change. If you have offered to play the game on a couple of different dates and the other coach just won't accept or be reasonable about it, you can say no. This is usually a rare event, if it does happen you can relay your efforts to the MYSC Spring Coordinator who would, in turn contact the Coordinator for the opposing team to see what can be done. If this fails, the matter would be brought to the attention of SuperLiga. At this point MYSC would show all of our reasonable efforts to try and accommodate the requested change; SuperLiga would then have the final say.

Important email address – Games@MiddletownYouthSoccer.org

TIP #1

If you have a game change that you wish to request, don't wait until it's too late. Get going with your requests ASAP.

TIP #2

Keep this procedure for later in the season. If your team has a game cancellation because of a rainout, you will have to follow these guidelines to reschedule your game.