

## **GAME DAY PROCEDURES FOR MISSING REFEREE(S)**

Once you get to the field, and there are no officials, do not call the office or any other C.M.S.A. contacts because there is nothing that we can do to get you officials after the games have reached their start time.

Teams have two options regarding this situation:

- \* If both Teams agree to play and officiate the game yourselves then the winning/tying team must report the score as a completed game. Both teams will receive a referee refund at the end of the season for the game.
- If teams decide not to play a regulation game and the teams are on a Neutral Field, then they must leave the field, and email your League Commissioner the time, location, and teams involved that you had no officials. Then you can reschedule the game. If neither team has a home field to reschedule the game then you will need to contact your League Commissioner. The League will reschedule the game.

The league, & the commissioners have no way of getting officials to games if they are not there to begin the game. CMSA do not schedule the officials. The CMSA game schedules are given to the Independent Referee Associations that are hired to supply the officials. CMSA does not have the referee's contact info. We do not know what referee's are assigned to each field. You pay CMSA then we pay the Referee Associations. They supply the officials. If they don't show up then they don't get paid.

All that CMSA can do is schedule, post & order Officials for the league games. **(There is NO GUARANTEE that the officials show up for any game).**

### **Weather Related Field Cancellations**

Coaches/Managers it is NOT recommended for teams to go to their opponent's website to check if their fields are available or cancelled. If a field is cancelled, the League will be informed of any cancellation. When the program/club notifies CMSA we will then post the field cancellation on the C.M.S.A. website Home Page and Facebook page by 11:00 am **(Not on the team schedules)**. **If your field is not posted as cancelled than your game is still on schedule.**

Once we get past the posted deadline to report field cancellations; and in the case when we have games in progress and the weather gets worse; it becomes very difficult for us to post or contact the teams that have games scheduled on those fields that are now being cancelled by either the Program or the Officials. But we do try.

**In most cases we are not notified of the on-site field cancellations by the referees.**

When the Programs/Clubs allow the fields to open when we have had Rain and there is a threat of More Rain it becomes a gamble for everyone that the games will be played. We are criticized if we allow the games to start, and we are criticized if we close the fields and force the teams to make up games at a later date. We only have 8 weeks in the Fall, & six weeks in the spring to schedule games. There is NO wiggle room we do our best to get all games played.