GIRLS ACADEMY INSPIRE

Inspire Matchday Materials

2026-2027

Communication Procedures for Club Standards

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Prior to Match Day

If a club knows prior to the game or fixture that they will not be able to meet one or more of the Inspire Standards, they should contact their opponent ahead of match day. This way potential solutions can be discussed between both parties and clubs will know what to expect heading into match day.

Some examples include:

- Tents are not being used due to anticipated high winds.
- Team does not have the associated home or away kit available.

The more communication between the clubs, the better!

What If the Issue Cannot Be Resolved by the Clubs?

The party questioning a standard should email the Player Programs Coordinator with their opponent and Conference Rep copied. The communication should include details of the problem and the steps taken by the clubs to try and find a resolution.

Schedule Change Requests

If the date, venue or kickoff times need to be changed, the home clubs will submit a Game Change Request in GotSport.

Click here for instructions to Submit a Game Change Request

Match Day

If any problems associated with the Match Day Protocols and Minimum Standards 2026-27 were not discussed ahead of time, or if something occurs on the day, both parties should discuss the situation and, if necessary, try to find a solution.

What If the Issue Cannot Be Resolved by the Clubs?

The party questioning a standard should email the Player Programs Coordinator with their opponent and Conference Rep copied. The communication should include details of the problem and the steps taken by the clubs to try and find a resolution.

What If an Issue Occurs That Is Not Associated With the Standards Checklist?

The Player Programs Coordinator is to be informed. This may include minor behavioral incidents, noncompliance with Inspire rules, or the misuse of Inspire documents (match card).

Significant Disciplinary Incidents

Club Directors are to immediately contact the Player Programs Coordinator immediately in writing following any significant incident. Programs@girlsacademyleague.com

This is including, but not limited to:

- Player and/or coach red card send-off for violent conduct, abusive language, and/or abusive behavior.
- Non-coaching staff member send-off for violent conduct, abusive language, and/or abusive behavior.
- Spectator send-off for violent conduct, abusive language, and/or abusive behavior.
- Violent conduct, abusive language, and/or abusive behavior by any of the above parties prior to or after the match.

Post Match

If a club realizes, post-match, that they will not be able to meet one or more of the Girls Academy Standards, they should contact their opponent. This way clubs are made aware of the issue(s) and potential solutions can be discussed between both parties.

An example includes:

- Home club not able to enter scores, record discipline, and/or upload match cards.

What If the Issue Cannot Be Resolved by the Clubs?

The party questioning a standard should email the Player Programs Coordinator with their opponent and Conference Rep copied. The communication should include details of the problem and the steps taken by the clubs to try and find a resolution.

What If There Has Been No Communication and Standards Have Not Been Met?

GotSport

If the necessary information has not been recorded in GotSport within 26 hours of the match, the Away team should first contact the home team about the missing information.

If they are unsuccessful in contacting the club, the Player Programs Coordinator should be emailed with the opponent and Conference Rep copied. The message should include details of the problem and the steps taken to attempt communication with the home club. If they have any of the relevant details, such as a score or match card, that should be included or attached as well.

with the home club.

Scheduling

In the event the match or fixture that was to take place is postponed, teams should work to find a reschedule date as soon as possible. Once a suitable date is agreed upon to reschedule the match, the home club should submit a Match Change Request via GotSport.

If a club is experiencing trouble in rescheduling with their opponent, the Player Programs Coordinator should be emailed with the opponent and Conference Rep copied. The message should include details of the problem and the steps taken to attempt finding a new date with the other club.

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Match Day Protocols & Minimum Standards Checklist

As an Inspire member, all clubs are expected to provide a professional match-day environment. In order to ensure all member clubs maintain a consistent, professional environment for the players and spectators, the Match Day Protocols and Minimum Standard for the Inspire season are listed below. Match Day concerns or questions should be directed to the Programs@girlsacademyleague.com

Prior to the Game

A minimum of Five (5) days out, home clubs are required to send all match details and info to the opponent. Wednesday Prior to Match: Re-confirm referees and fields.

- **Confirm all players are approved and on the roster, at least 48 hours prior to the game in case there are issues. In the case of roster related issues,** contact the League Registrar prior to 5pm EST at support@girlsacademyleague.com. **A written in player is considered an ineligible player.**
- Print coaches' cards if more than four (4) will be on the bench. Match card only shows four (4).

When arriving at the facility on match day and prior to kick-off, a member of each club will meet to go over the Match Day Protocols & Match Day Standards Checklist and utilizing this form and make note of anything NOT meeting criteria listed. The same two staff members will meet after the last fixture to reconcile any new issues and then submit the form. Responses will be collected by the league and addressed as needed.

Field Set Up

- Both teams bring the standard match card, in case there have been last minute roster changes.
- Home and Away benches: Two (2) or one (1) if bench is large enough for team/staff.
- Team tents
- One (1) trash can, if allowed by facility
- Fields to be marked in accordance with Inspire FRAMEWORKS
- Four (4) matching corner flags
- Three (3) Adidas balls (Preferred)
- Referees **Secured and paid for by the home team** or split between each team

Match Field

- The match field provided for matches must be of the highest quality in the geographic area.
- Turf or natural surface are both acceptable. Having a turf "back-up" field for weather conditions is ideal.
- For U11 (9v9) 70-80yds length and 45-55yds width goal size 6.5ft high x 18.5ft wide
- For U12 (11v11) standard target is 91 x 65 yards goal size 7 x 21 min and 8 x 24 max
- Natural grass surfaces should be mowed to a length that allows for high quality ball movement; 1.5-2.5", depending on grass species, is the typical height range for mowing.

Post Game

- Collect match card. Both the home team and away team should take a picture of the match card for accuracy before leaving the field.
- Home team uploads match cards, enters score and red/yellow cards within 36 hours of the start of the game (red cards must be entered immediately if there is another game the next day).
- Both clubs should complete the Post-Match Report via Gotsport