

MLAX Weather and Practice Field Procedures

MLAX wants you to be able to practice as much as possible and appreciates the effort that coaches put forth to secure alternative practice times and places.

Here is a summary of the potential options you have as a coach to secure practice time outside of your normal time allotments:

1) Secure time at indoor facilities down the hill (Golden Goal, APEX Center, Foothills, et al). These facilities typically charge ~\$100 per hour. Once we are passed the first 3 weeks of March pre-booked times, these charges are NOT covered by MLAX. This is a team expense if you choose to reserve and practice at these facilities. Your team's appetite for this option is at your discretion. You are responsible for your own scheduling.

2) Secure time at local school indoor gym facilities in Evergreen or Conifer. The facilities typically charge \$5-15/hour and are hardwood floors or carpet (basically basketball courts). Again, these charges are NOT covered by MLAX. This is a team expense if you choose to reserve and practice at these facilities. Your team's appetite for this option is at your discretion (less cost, less productive for certain teams). You are responsible for your own scheduling. All MLAX teams need to be very respectful of these facility's rules less we lose the opportunity to utilize them.

3) Move your practice to an alternative practice slot during the week (either at a Turf field or grass field if open).

Normally there are a number of slots available that are open for practice and we should take advantage of this! However, you absolutely need to clear any and all practice changes with Gray Behrhorst before making that change. A simple email to Gray will suffice and we will reply as soon as we can. In no circumstance should you assume that a slot is open without getting approval with us. We manage practice times to make sure all teams have room to practice. We will not allow "pre-booking" more than 1-2 days out and we will allocate based on "need". For example, a new team that has had no practice for the week will get preference over an experienced team that has had practice twice already.

All teams are allocated a certain portion of a field and have been given 2 goals with which to practice:

BV: 2 slots – horizontal; EMS: 2 slots – horizontal; Stagecoach: 3 slots – horizontal; Marshdale: 3 slots - horizontal

On any given day, a field that is normally open or only has 1 or 2 teams on it, may be filled up with up to 3 teams (Marshdale or Stagecoach can have a max of 3, BV and EMS only 2). This is especially true on weather days. **Thus, assuming the new team has followed the proper procedures, you need to be respectful of teams that may come on to a field even if they are not normally scheduled there.**

Last, if you have a unique situation (scrimmage request, game reschedule, skills session, etc) you want to discuss outside of these options, we are always open to discuss and encourage you to do so! ***We WANT you to be able to practice, but we need to shuffle things around in an organized manner to prevent chaos.***