

# ALBERTA MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

## RULE CHANGES – SUMMARY

Effective September 2021

### ***Rule 7-1 Game Forfeits***

a) When a team is not able to field the minimum number of players during the regular season without a minimum of 3 hours notice being given to the league, the offending team will be assessed a \$100.00 fine. The non-offending team may then take the forfeit win, OR when it is possible to do so, may choose to take one of the offending team's future games as a replacement game. If the non-offending team takes the forfeit win, an additional two points will be deducted from the offending team in the standings. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration before assessing the fine and points deduction.

*If a team gives more than three hours' notice for a forfeit, there will be no \$100 fine, but the other forfeit rules still apply. The opposing team can either choose to take the win or one of their opponents' future games (schedule permitting).*

### ***Rule 2-1 Player Registration***

j) Each player (skater) must play a minimum of 5 Summer, or 8 Winter regular season games for a team to be eligible to participate for that team in the playoffs. Some exceptions may be made for long-term players who have missed part of the season due to a documented injury. These exceptions MUST be approved by the league. For a non-injury exception, if these are approved, the opposing team will ALSO be given the opportunity to use a player on their roster who would otherwise not have qualified for playoffs.

*If a request is made to use a player who did not qualify, and was not injured, the league will evaluate the request and if approved, the opposing team will be notified and given the opportunity to bring out a player from their team who also did not have enough games to qualify. Make this request carefully as this may give the opposing team the ability to bring out a strong player.*