



Edmonton Federation Hockey League COVID-19 Game Cancellation and Rescheduling Protocol 2021-22

Overview:

- As COVID-19 cases rise Edmonton Federation Hockey League is implementing formal game cancellation and rescheduling protocol in the event a team is unable to play their scheduled game. **This policy is in effect for the winter 2022 season only.**
- Communication & Collaboration will be essential in making this policy work. Please note that this policy is in effect for Covid-19 related issues only, this process cannot be utilized for any other purpose.
- If approved, it will be the responsibility of the 'Cancelling Team' to supply ice and coordinate the re-scheduling of the game, (due to timing and ice constraints this may not be possible in all situations).
- If it is not possible to re-schedule a game, the cancelled game will be recorded as a 1-0 forfeit loss.

Game Cancellation Process

There are two ways in which a game can be cancelled

1. **Team Activities Cancelled** - EFHL and the association cancel a team's activities for a period of time based on Positive COVID-19 Protocols.
2. **Team Request** - Teams can only request to cancel a game if they meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. Team has at least two confirmed COVID-19 cases on their team from different households
 - b. Team has less than 8 players and 1 goaltender available to play the game and have exhausted all affiliate options
 - i. Should a team not have an available goaltender, Affiliation and the Substitute Goaltender Procedure will be options. Please use the [Substitute Goaltender Procedure](#) should a team have confirmed COVID case within their team
 - c. Request is made more than 12 hours prior to the start of the game, for games rescheduled less than 24 hours notice, officials will be paid.

NOTE: Requests MUST be approved by EFHL and the home Association even if a team meets one or more of the criteria.



For Games rescheduled more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time.

1. Notify the League Commissioner at efhlcommissioner@shaw.ca of the need to cancel and reschedule the game and include association president, division director, ice allocator and opposing team.
2. EFHL Commissioner will notify all parties and update online schedule that game has been postponed pending reschedule based on agreement of both teams which is the responsibility of the team initiating the cancellation.
3. EFHL Commissioner will cancel referees. For game slots that occur 24 hours prior to the game start time, the referees will be paid by both teams.
4. Once game has been rescheduled, Initiating team will notify the Referee in Chief via email that there has been a League Game Change and provide the new date of the game.
5. Officials will be cancelled for the original game and officials will be assigned for the new league game

For Games rescheduled between game time and 24 hours

1. Inform the League Commissioner at efhlcommissioner@shaw.ca that the game cannot be played due to Health Reasons.
2. Game will be cancelled immediately by League Commissioner who will notify the RIC about the cancellation who will attempt to contact referees prior to leaving for the assignment. For all games cancelled within 24 hours, the officials will be paid by both teams.
3. If referees arrive at the arena, each team will bear the responsibility to cover their half of the referee payment and officials will be compensated.
4. Game will be marked postponed on the schedule and team initiating the cancellation will provide League Commissioner with revised game date and inform RIC.