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#### **1.0 PURPOSE**

To clarify the minimum number of officials required for a RDPH league game in divisions where officials are assigned by the league.

#### 2.0 COMMENCEMENT DATE

This Policy is effective as of January 1, 2020.

# **3.0 APPLICATION OF POLICY**

- 3.1 This policy applies to the following RDPH groups
  - Players
  - Coaches
  - Officials
  - Parents

# **4.0 RATIONALE**

4.1 To provide clear direction regarding the minimum number of officials required in order for a RDPH game to proceed, to allow for a positive game experience for the officials, coaches, and players.

# **5.0 PROCEDURE**

5.1 The minimum number of officials required at any RDPH game where officials are assigned is TWO (2). No game shall proceed where this minimum number of officials is not met. 5.2 In the event that there is only one official present, each team must provide one person who is competent enough to serve as a linesman (preferably a coach if more than one coach is present on the bench, a player, or parent; must have appropriate gear, at minimum skates and a certified helmet). Game will proceed using the 3-man officials system.

5.3 All referees/officials sign the game sheet at the conclusion of game play.

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5.4 The scheduled official present must file a report with the referee coordinator explaining that only one official was present. The referee coordinator will review the situation and take appropriate disciplinary action against the missing official(s).

5.5. In the event that both linesman positions can't or won't be filled, the game is cancelled and will not be rescheduled as both teams had an equal opportunity to allow the game to proceed. 5.6 Coaches, parents, and players will respect the decision of the official to cancel the game if the minimum number of officials cannot be met, and will in no way express their frustration, annoyance or disappointment to the official who is present. It is not that official's fault that the game cannot proceed. Disrespect toward the official will be considered a breach of the Code of Conduct.

### 6.0 DISCIPLINE STATEMENT

6.1 Failure to abide by the procedures outlined above may lead to disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Verbal Warnings
- Written Warnings
- Fines
- Disciplinary Hearing
- Temporary Suspensions
- Expulsions

#### 7.0 REVIEW AND REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Scope of Revision	Approved By	Date
0	Initial Procedure Development	RDPH BOD	Jan 1, 2020