

## **XI:** Cancelled/Rescheduled Games

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### A. Game Commencement

1. Every effort must be made to start a game on time and as scheduled. Any team failing to take the ice within five (5) minutes of the scheduled game shall:
  - a) Forfeit the game and game points,
  - b) Be liable to a fine of \$100 payable to the League,
  - c) Be responsible for the cost of ice and referees (if the aggrieved Association submits a written request for the actual expenses incurred),
  - d) Be subject to suspension unless a satisfactory reason is presented, and
  - e) Submit a game scoresheet with written explanation why the game was not played. Upon receipt of the game scoresheet, the League will decide if a team is responsible or if the situation was mutually unavoidable.

### B. Rescheduling

1. No game may be cancelled with less than 72 hours' notice except under emergency conditions.

Games should only be cancelled/rescheduled under emergency conditions, which are defined as extreme or unusual circumstances:

- Extreme or unusual circumstances may include such things as adverse or dangerous weather conditions, power outages, venue problems, traffic accidents, officials late or not in attendance, venue/game double bookings, or an illness epidemic affecting an entire team.
- Coaches should anticipate athlete illness, injury and coach or player/goalie absences – these are not reasons for cancellations. Bench staff should plan for these expected situations and make provisions to find replacements so that games may be played as scheduled.
- Teams must exercise player call ups and exhaust all other opportunities prior to rescheduling.
- Teams may request reschedule if they have fewer than 7 players after exhausting all options. They must play if they have 7 players available.
- Teams may request reschedule if they have no coach available after exhausting all options to find a replacement qualified bench staff.
- With less than 72 hours' notice the cancelling team will forfeit the game; however, teams may still reschedule the game as an exhibition game.
- Cancelling team will pay the referees if cancelled with less than 72 hours' notice; *in situations where an extreme weather advisory has been issued, referees will not receive payment when less than 72 hours' notice is given.*