



## Rockies Hockey League (RHL) Contingency Officiating Policy

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The Rockies Hockey League (RHL) is committed to ensuring that all games are conducted smoothly and fairly, even in the absence of scheduled referees. This policy outlines the procedures to be followed in situations where referees are unavailable or only a single referee is present. By establishing clear guidelines for coach and captain involvement, documentation requirements, and reporting protocols, the RHL aims to maintain the integrity of the game and uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and competition.

### 1. Absence of Scheduled Referees:

In situations where the assigned referees are not available to officiate a game, the following protocol will be implemented to ensure the game proceeds:

- Coach Agreement: Both team coaches must agree on alternative referees to officiate the game. This can be one coach from each team or the captain's of each team or any combination of those which is agreed upon by the coaches.

Game Continuation: The game will continue as scheduled under these circumstances and the results will stand.

### 2. Availability of a Single Referee:

If only one scheduled or replacement referee is available to officiate the game, the following protocol will apply:

- Head Referee: The available referee will serve as the Head Referee.
- The Head referee can be supplemented by either a coach from each team or the team captains in any combination that is agreed to by the Head Coaches before play begins.

Game Continuation: The game will continue as scheduled under these circumstances and the results will stand.

### 3.. Reporting and Review:

All instances of the above scenarios must be reported to the Division Vice President. The Division Vice President, in conjunction with the President of the League, will review these occurrences.

### 4.. Compliance and Penalties:

Failure to comply with this policy may result in penalties. These penalties, at the discretion of the Executive and/or Board, may be assessed against the offending Member Association and their Guests.