



## Rockies Hockey League (RHL) No-Show Teams / Failure to Play a Scheduled Game Policy

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The Rockies Hockey League (RHL) is dedicated to ensuring the integrity and fairness of its games. In line with this commitment, this policy outlines the procedures and penalties regarding no-show teams and failure to play scheduled games. It provides clear guidelines for handling situations where teams fail to meet their obligations, emphasizing the importance of proper communication, adherence to regulations, and fair play. By implementing these measures, the RHL aims to uphold the principles of sportsmanship and accountability within its league. The following outlines the obligations surrounding this policy:

### 1. Home Team:

If a home team fails to play a scheduled game without following the proper game postponement regulation, they will be fined up to \$600.

### 2. Visiting Team:

If a visiting team fails to play a scheduled game without following the proper game postponement regulation, they will be fined up to \$600 and must cover the costs of ice, referees, and linesmen.

### 3. Forfeits:

A forfeit occurs when a team fails to show up to play a scheduled league game by the scheduled game time without proper notification.

#### Penalties for Forfeits:

- The team that fails to show up forfeits 2 points.
- The team receiving the 2 points for the win will not receive any Respect points for the forfeit game.
  - o **For Visiting Teams:**
    - If a visiting team is not on the ice and ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time without proper notification, the League Executive will review the incident.
    - In cases of significant poor weather, if both teams agree in writing (email acceptable) that it is unsafe to travel, and notify the RHL Executive, the costs of ice and referees will be split evenly between both parties. The home team will invoice the visiting team for 50% of the costs. If not paid within 30 days, penalties may apply.
  - o **Penalties for Visiting Team Forfeits:**
    - **Weather-related (roads closed within 50 km of game site):** No penalties.
    - **Weather-related (other teams travel successfully, no advisories):** Costs of ice and officials only.
    - **Injuries, suspensions, fewer than 6 players, miscommunication:** Costs of ice and officials, fine up to \$600, game forfeit.



- o **For Home Teams:**
  - If a home team is not on the ice and ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time without proper notification, the League Executive will review the incident.
- o **Penalties for Home Team Forfeits:**
  - Fine up to \$600.
  - Game forfeit.
  - Travel costs of visiting team up to a maximum of \$250.

#### **5. Repeat Offenders:**

Teams that repeatedly fail to show up for scheduled games or fail to comply with postponement regulations may face increased penalties, including higher fines and possible game suspensions.

#### **6. Postponed Games:**

Requests to postpone a game must be made one week prior to game time to both the Governor in Chief and opposing coach and manager.

Postponements may be requested but are not automatically granted, even if both team coaches and managers agree. The Governor in Chief, in consultation with the RHL Executive, must approve all postponements.