



## **TORL Game Cancellation Policy Updated January 16th, 2024**

### **Cancelled/Rescheduled Games**

#### **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 a 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 and game points; 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.

- Teams frequently cancelling scheduled games, even if outside the 72 hour window, may be subject to League discussion and responsible for fees associated with cancelled games (referee costs, ice rental fees, etc)

### **C. Cancellation / Rescheduling Process**

- If games are cancelled for emergency reasons within 48 hours of the time/date of the schedule game, cancelling team should attempt to contact opposing team first.
- If games are cancelled outside of 72 hours, cancelling team should contact TORL ice scheduler who will:
  - a) First, attempt to schedule an alternate game for the team that is not cancelling
  - b) If this is not possible, next, notify the affected team (or association President) and attempt to schedule a different game on the ice
  - c) If neither a) or b) are satisfied, the TORL scheduler will attempt to schedule a replacement game for the ice time in question
  - d) If there are no other games that can be scheduled, the ice will be returned to the local association's ice scheduler for assignment