

KWWRHL Policy for Games Where One or Both Teams Have No Goaltender

In cases where one or both teams do not have a goaltender in attendance for a game, the following shall be observed:

1) Under no circumstances does the league require, nor should a team require, that a player stand in front of the goal to act as a “goalie.” Doing so without proper equipment is inherently dangerous. A player who wishes to stand in front of the net and act as a “goalie” may do so with the understanding that this action is at her own risk and her opponents are not required to modify their play due to the presence of a non-goalie acting as a “goalie.”

The team without a goalie can have six players on the ice, and this is no different than instances where a team pulls their goalie from a game—that goalie is replaced by an additional (6th) skater.

Players other than fully-equipped goaltenders, even if acting as “goalie,” are not to be considered goalies by the referee, and are not, for example, allowed to cover the puck in an attempt to stop or delay play as doing so may result in a delay of game penalty.

2) Under no circumstances are the rules of the game to be modified due to the lack of one or both goalies. Examples of these types of modifications include, but are not limited to, forbidding players to lift the puck on shots, turning the goal nets around or upside down, specifying the range from which shots may be taken, hanging items on the goal nets, or placing items on the ice in front of the goal. Any attempts to modify the game, even if agreed to by both teams, will result in an abandonment of the game. Referees will be required to leave the ice, and the result is that all players will also have to leave the ice.

3) In cases where one team has a goalie and the other team does not, the team without a goalie can play with six skaters, as described in #1 above. The team with a goalie is not required to “share” their goalie for any portion of the game. If the team wishes to “share” their goalie with their opponent for a portion of the game, such as for one period, this decision must be agreed upon by a consensus of the entire team, including the goalie, and the opponents must be willing to accept this gesture.

4) Only goalies registered with the league as goalies or sub goalies are allowed to wear goalie equipment and play as a goalie in league games without the prior permission from the KWWRHL Goalie Coordinator or the KWWRHL Registrar.

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