



EFHL League Commissioner Advisory

To: All EFHL Member Associations and Teams

We are writing today about some important matters that have been brought to the attention of the Edmonton Federation Hockey League. We are asking for the cooperation and support of our Member Associations and all teams to ensure the EFHL can maintain a safe, inclusive and fun environment for all players.

Facility Usage:

Although not a complaint involving any EFHL Member Associations, we have become aware of a serious matter where a Female Hockey Team was occupying a dressing room when a Male Hockey Team came into another dressing room to prepare for their game. These dressing rooms were connected by a shared bathroom and shower area that is not uncommon in some of our league facilities. At the time, there was an incident where a member of the Male Hockey Team entered the area and inappropriately encountered to members of the Female Hockey Team. A formal complaint has been submitted and the affected league is completing a thorough investigation and follow up with both teams and all of their Member Associations.

We would ask all EFHL Member Associations and Teams to assist the Edmonton Federation Hockey League by taking the following precautions, so we do not have a similar incident.

1. Inspect all hockey facilities when you play in them and make sure any that have shared shower or bathroom areas have working locks that prevent inadvertent entry from another team. If they do not, please post an appropriate adult monitor to ensure the security of the area and prevent any inadvertent entry until the participants are all back in the dressing room areas.
2. Should you encounter this in your local facilities, let your Minor Hockey Association Executive know and we encourage them to work with the facility operator in making sure the security locks are working and available. If it is not your local or home facility, contact the home team and ask that they follow up on your concern.
3. Be mindful of who is playing before and after your scheduled ice time and be considerate and ensure you are not intruding in their personal space before or after your ice time while you share the facility.

This is a serious situation that occurred, we ask you to follow the above recommendations, so we do not encounter any similar situations, we appreciate your cooperation.

League Game Reschedule Procedures:

The second issue we wanted to discuss is the increasing number of complaints around EFHL teams not cooperating and being flexible when it comes to league game reschedule requests when teams are wanting to participate in tournaments or other special events. We would ask all teams to adhere to the following:

1. Cooperate with teams in your division and tiers and be flexible to assist in rescheduling for tournaments and special events to help increase the experience of all athletes playing in the EFHL.
2. If it is a matter of agreeing on suitable ice times for makeup games, please ensure you involve your association ice allocators as they may have additional options you are not aware of and again, be flexible and cooperative with one another.

The EFHL has always operated on the premise of collaboration and cooperation, we expect the same from all our teams when dealing with league game schedule requests. If you have any questions or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,

Chris March
EFHL Commissioner