



6.53 On-ice Officials No-Show/Injury Policy (HEO Officiating Program)

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General

1. When on-ice officials do not show up for a game, the following criteria *shall* be used in determining how the game is to be officiated.
 - a. Four-official system
 - i. One missing official
 1. the game *shall* be officiated using the three-official system.
 - ii. Two missing officials
 1. the game *shall* be officiated using the two-official system.
 - b. Three-official system
 - i. If both officials are rated as being able to referee at that level, then the game *shall* be officiated using the two-official system
 - ii. If only one official is rated to referee at that level, then the game should be officiated with one Referee and one Linesperson
 1. The senior “rated” official may consider the level of hockey being played and the experience of the “not-rated” official in determining whether a two-official system can be used.
 - iii. If neither official is rated to referee at that level, the District Referee-in-Chief, or their designate, should provide approval to officiate the game before the game can be started.
 - c. Two-official system
 - i. the game *shall not* be played with one official.
2. When an injury occurs to an On-ice Official during a game, and that official is unable to continue, the following criteria *shall* be used in determining how the game is to be officiated.
 - a. Four-Official system
 - i. Referee injury
 1. the game shall continue to be officiated using the three-official system.



ii. Linesperson injury

1. the game shall continue to be officiated using the three-official system.
2. the senior Referee working the game should continue in the role of 'Referee' in the three-official system.

b. Three-official system

i. Referee injury

1. If both remaining officials are rated as being able to referee at that level, then the game **shall** be officiated using the two-official system.
2. If only one of the remaining officials is rated to referee at that level, then the game should be officiated using the two-official system.
 - a. The senior "rated" official may consider the level of hockey being played and the experience of the "not-rated" official in determining whether a two-official system can be used or whether a one Referee and one Linesperson system should be used.

ii. Linesperson injury

1. If both remaining officials are rated as being able to referee at that level, then the game **shall** be officiated using the two-official system.
2. If only one of the remaining officials is rated to referee at that level, then the game should be officiated using one referee and one linesperson.
 - a. The senior "rated" official may consider the level of hockey being played and the experience of the "not-rated" official in determining whether a two-official system can be used or whether a one Referee and one Linesperson system should be used.

c. Two-official system

- i. the game **shall not** continue with one official.

3. Only half-ice games may be officiated by one on-ice official.

4. Every effort should be made to find substitute officials where possible, especially to avoid game cancellation or suspension.

- a. Any substitute official must be an HEO certified official; and



- b. If a substitute official has any affiliation to a team involved in the game, the approval of both team head coaches is required.
5. This policy applies for all games assigned under the jurisdiction of HEO, at any level, in all arenas.

This policy will remain in effect until cancelled in writing or superseded by a revised policy.