



## **RINK Ball Hockey Tournament Rules**

- Games will consist of 3 on 3 play plus goalie; each team will have a minimum of 4 players and a goalie with a maximum of six players plus goalie (7 players total) on their official roster. For Example: 3 players on playing surface and a goalie, and 3 substitute players.
- If a team has no goalie, they may play with an extra attacker. Teams must have a minimum of 3 players during game play. (2 attackers and goalie or 3 attackers and no goalie).
- All participants will be required to fill out our "Waiver and Release of Liability" form before the tournament. All participants 18 years and younger will require a parent or guardian's signature to be eligible to play. Any participant without a signed waiver will not be allowed to play and deemed ineligible.
- A 10-minute forfeit allowance will be strictly enforced.
- Slap shots are only allowed in the Adult Rec division. Slap shots are defined as any shot that involves a wind up that begins above the shooter's waist.

### **RULES**

- Games will be 30 minutes in length (2 x 15-minute halves) The last minute of the game will be stop time.
- Games and halves will begin with a faceoff.
- When the ball is covered by the goaltender, the defending team gets possession of the ball behind their net. The other team must give the team with the ball 5 feet of space to make a play. The team with possession is allowed 5 seconds to put the ball in play.
- If the ball leaves play at either side of the rink, the team that the ball did not go off receives possession at the spot where the ball left play. The referee will determine which team should have possession. Again, that team is given 5 feet of space and 5 seconds of time to make a play. Goals may be scored directly upon play resuming (i.e., no need to start play again with a pass. Shots are live!)
- After a team scores, the ball will be removed from the net to begin play again (no face-off).
- The team that just scored must always clear and cannot cross the centerline until the ball, or an offensive player, crosses that line. (The team scored on has 10 seconds or the opposing team may attack)
- Each team is allowed one 30 second time out per game.



- If a participant intentionally and knowingly takes a slap shot in any division besides the Adult Rec division, the opposing team will get possession in proximity of where it occurred. There will be no penalty.
- Any contact made with the ball when the stick is above the shoulder will be blown down immediately and will result in a change of possession to the opposing team to the side of the rink where it occurred.
- Players will change on the fly. No more than three players and a goalie are allowed on the surface at a time unless goalie is pulled. Changes must always be made from the team's defensive end of the rink. Trying to change in the offensive end may result in a penalty shot (if an advantage is created at the referee's discretion).
- All penalties will be granted a penalty shot. The ball is "live" if a goal is not scored.
- Any player that receives 3 penalties in 1 game will be ejected from the game.
- A mercy rule will be in effect if one team leads the other by a 10-goal margin at any point during the second half of the game.
- Fighting and any inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. and will result in an automatic tournament ejection by the tournament supervisor or on sight official.
- There will be no icing or off-sides during this tournament.
- A team may play without a goaltender if it chooses to do so, at any time during the match. An extra attacker may be used.
- If a game is tied after regulation in the preliminary round, the game will be decided by a 3-player shootout. If still tied, it will go to a sudden death shootout round. Players must go through their entire line-up before shooting again. Coed shootouts will be male, female, male & Male, female in sudden death. If a game is tied after regulation in the playoffs, there will be a 5-minute overtime period. If still tied, the game will be decided by a 3- player shootout. If still tied, it will go to a sudden death shootout round. Players must go through their entire line-up before shooting again.
- The tournament will proceed rain or shine except under conditions of severe weather systems.
- We reserve the right to reduce the number of games or shorten games in the case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances.
- There can be no goalie changes made during games, except in the case of injury. One of the rostered players must play in the goalie position or play the remainder game with no goalie. If a goalie leaves a game due to injury, he/she cannot return to the game in an "out" position.

## **EQUIPMENT**

- Goaltenders are required to bring their own goaltender equipment. Mandatory equipment includes: full-face mask & goalie pads. All forms of goalie equipment are permitted. Goaltenders dressed in gear must use goalie sticks.



- The Referee reserves the right to reject the use of this equipment if it is deemed unsafe or unfair to the opposing team.
- Any type of stick (wood, graphite, plastic blade, etc.) can be used for play.
- All participants under 18 require Ball/Ice Hockey or Lacrosse protective gloves, shin guards and full facial protection.

