

Street Hockey Rules

1. THE OBJECT OF THE GAME: Have fun. Don't try and revive a failed career in the NHL. This is a fun tournament with other people who love hockey.

2. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE- The tournament may have a round robin and/or other random aspects to it such as skills tests and shoot outs; these will be at the discretion of the Commissioner of Hockey. The tournament will also have an elimination format. If you lose in an elimination round, you are out of the tournament. If your team wins you advance to the next round, and play until you are either eliminated or win the tournament entirely. You can beg and plead to join another team and all pleas will be heard by the Commissioner of Hockey who makes the final decision.

3. THE PLAYING SURFACE: The tournament will be played in the back patio area of the venue.

There will be two areas which the games will be played on: **1 large rink** and **1 small rink**. Each team will play at least once on each rink, unless eliminated from tournament beforehand. To play street hockey in the **large rink** you must have 10 players in the game at any given time (5 per team). The positions are 2 Forwards, 2 Defensemen and 1 Goalie.

To play the **small rink** you must have 8 players total in the game at any given time (4 per team). The positions are 1 Forwards, 1 Defensemen, 1 Rover (can play defence and forward) and 1 Goalie.

4. TEAMS & INDIVIDUALS: You may have up to 9 players on your team. Players must be over 18 years of age. Each team must have at least two players of the opposite sex on their team, one of whom must be playing at all times during any game.

Teams playing must have the same players they begin the tournament with when advancing to the next rounds. Players from other teams who have been eliminated cannot join other teams still playing as this could create an unfair advantage. However, eliminated players may join other teams at the absolute discretion of the Commissioner of Hockey. If a team is caught with players who are not part of the official roster and team, that team may be eliminated and forfeits the game to the opposing team.

Teams should register by emailing their roster to info@networkcanada.com.au by no later than the deadline specified in the event description.

Individuals who are not part of a team should also register at info@networkcanada.com.au by no later than the deadline specified in the event description. They will be assigned a team.

All players must sign a waiver before participating in any games. The waiver must be signed and submitted on the day of the tournament. The waiver is attached at the end of this document.

Walks-ons during the day will be assigned to teams as seen fit by the Commissioner of Hockey.

5. EQUIPMENT: Street hockey is played with street hockey sticks and a ball which will be provided at the venue. Sticks, net, balls and goalie equipment will be provided at no charge.

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Your best bet is to wear comfortable clothing. You should wear athletic shoes that are good for the gym or the playground.

Some players may be required to wear protective equipment supplied upon request by the Commissioner of Hockey.

6. REFEREE: The referee is responsible for making sure the rules are followed by both teams. The "ref" starts the game and each period with a face-off. He calls all penalties, confirms all goals, and is the last word in any team disputes.

7. PENALTIES. There will be no checking of other players. Checking a player will result in a penalty and or an ejection from the game or tournament. Other illegal acts such slashing, tripping, cross checking, high sticking, checking from behind will draw a penalty which can result in a 1 minute minor, 5 minute major or a game ejection. Fighting will draw an automatic ejection from the tournament of any player involved, and a 5 minute major for the team and great shame for you.

There are no slap-shots.

Be mindful that you are playing with spectators watching and there is limited or no barriers between them and the playing areas.

8. TIME: Time of play will be two or three 5-minute periods, (i.e. 10 or 15 minutes total for each game) unless otherwise altered by the Commissioner of Hockey. The clock should continue to run even if play stops (this is called running time). There will be no breaks between periods. Each team will switch sides between periods.

If the game results in a draw there will be a one-5 minute sudden death overtime period with one player removed from each team. The period is played until a goal is scored or the 5 minutes is completed.

If the game is still tied after 5 minutes of overtime, a shootout will take place. Three offensive players from each team will be chosen to participate and must be the only players to play the entire shootout, and cannot be swapped or substituted. One player from the offensive team will begin from the designated spot in the rink indicated by the referee where they will attempt to score on the defensive team's goalie. The offensive player is allowed to run to the goalie stick handling the ball, and will only have one shot on the goalie. If the goalie saves the shot, the player cannot attempt to score from a rebound. The shootout will occur until there is a winner. The team with the most goals for that shootout round will be declared the winner and advance to the next round.

There will be 5 minute intermissions between games for teams to prepare their strategies and for goalies to put on their equipment.

The games will be started punctually because of the restricted time frame. If a team does not show up on time and is not ready to play they will forfeit the game and the other team will be declared the winner. Each team will be notified when and where they must attend their next game.

9. TIME OUTS: Each team gets 1 time out. A time out lasts 1 minute. That's it. Just enough time to catch your breath and plan your next play to score. Time outs can only be called when the referee's whistle has stopped action.

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10. LINE CHANGES: Players can change lines voluntarily on-the-fly. Both teams must change lines in the same manner for the entire game. If you have too many players while in play, you will be penalised.

11. STARTING PLAY: Time to FACE-OFF! Basically, there are two types of Face-Offs:

1. Standard Face-Off: Opposing centres face each other with their sticks one foot apart on the ground. Be ready because the ref is going to drop the ball and then it's HOCKEY TIME!

2. In-Bounding Face-Off: When the puck goes out-of-bounds, the last team to touch it loses possession. Players on the defending team must stand at least 5 feet from the spot where the ball went out-of-bounds, then the inbounding team puts the ball back into play. The inbounding player must make a pass before a shot on goal is taken.

12. STOPPING PLAY: Play stops after a goal, when the ball goes out of bounds, or when a penalty or infraction is called. When the referee blows the whistle that means play stops. The following violations will stop play:

1. Knocking the ball into your opponent's goal with anything other than your sticks (feet, hands, nose - or anything else).

2. Falling on the ball to stop play (unless you're the goalie).

13. ALTERATIONS TO THESE RULES: The Commissioner of Hockey may alter these rules at any time without notice.

14. HAVE FUN! Yes, we're repeating it.

See following page for waiver.

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WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

Every player must read, execute and deliver this Waiver to tournament organisers prior to the commencement of the tournament. In consideration of the right and opportunity to participate in the Canada Day street hockey tournament (the "Tournament") conducted at the Greenwood Hotel (the "Venue") in North Sydney, New South Wales, I the undersigned hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

- I am at least 18 years of age at the time of signing this Waiver;
- I will not be intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol at any point when I play in the Tournament;
- I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Tournament's rules and am aware that there is to be absolutely no fighting or intentional contact with others;
- I completely release, waive, discharge and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Venue and its owners, employees, directors, officers, agents, sponsors, partners and licensees and each other party affiliated with the Venue or the Tournament in any way, including, without limitation, any suppliers of street hockey equipment to the Tournament, any event and/or Tournament organisers, the Venue's landlord and any local council (collectively, the "Tournament Team") against and from any and all claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, for damages or injuries, actual or consequential, past, present or future, arising out of or in any way related to the Tournament, including but not limited to any claims of injury from participating in or observing the Tournament, the loss of personal property by theft or otherwise during the Tournament, any publicity relating to the Tournament, or any prizes awarded;
- I agree that prior to participation in the Tournament, I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used and if I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately a member of the Tournament Team of such condition(s) and I will refuse to participate in the Tournament until the rectification of such matter(s);
- I acknowledge that I have chosen to participate in the Tournament and related activities out of my own free will and assume all risk associated with participating in the Tournament;
- I fully understand and acknowledge that the aforementioned activities carry with them a high level of risk of injury, including permanent disability and death, and additional hazards related thereto which might result from my own actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. I certify that I am aware of, and accept, these increased risks and that I am mentally and physically prepared for the risks associated with the Tournament;

This general release shall further apply to all unknown, unanticipated, unsuspected, and undisclosed claims, demands, liabilities, actions or causes of action, in law, equity or otherwise. This Waiver shall bind the heirs, personal representatives, and successors of the undersigned, and inure to the benefit of the Tournament Team.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THE ABOVE AGREEMENT, WILL COMPLY WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM I AM GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS.

PLAYER NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____