

Chatham-Kent 3 on 3 FUN FIRST Hockey League

Rules of Play

Body Contact:

This is a no-checking and no contact form of hockey.....FUN FIRST. Of course, we recognize that contact will take place while players compete for the puck or space on the ice. But we will not tolerate intentional body checking. In the past a player who is penalized for checking would be asked to leave the ice and be replaced by another player. This will continue with incidental body contact or checking (he/she zipped and other player zagged, and we have a collision). A player may be asked to leave the ice (penalized) more as a message to be more in control while he is on the ice, but not ejected from the game.

For a player that has intentionally Body Checked or commits Intentional Aggressive Body Contact he/she will be ejected from the game. Officials will report this player and the incident to the convenor and league will determine if more games or the remainder of the season the player will be suspended. We have many different skill levels on the ice and no player is expecting to be checked. If the player is ejected for intentional body checking in the last 10 minutes of the game he will not be permitted to participate in the next game. Repeat offenders may be removed from the league without refund.

Coaches:

Coaches are on the bench to provide leadership and support the values of the league. Basically, your role is to be positive and open the door and let the players play and have fun (minimal instruction and coaching). Any coach that verbally challenges an official or does not play all players fairly may be asked to leave the bench. We will not tolerate coaches not supporting the values and philosophy of the league. If you have an issue with an official, please let the convenor know and we as a league will address the situation.

Composition of Teams:

- U9 – 4 on 4 (12 players, 1 Goalie)
- U11, U13, U15 (11 Players, 1 Goalie)
- Goalies will not be assigned a team but will rotate throughout the schedule on a different team each week (helps to balance the talent & skills of goalies). Goalies can play back-to-back games
- Maximum of 3 bench staff (only bench staff and game officials will be allowed in the bench area during games). Coaches DO NOT bring younger siblings and have them on the bench area or penalty box area.
- Players cannot play on another team unless approved by the convenor. Coaches cannot request players from other teams to play for them unless approved by convenor.

Mandatory Equipment:

- All players and goalies must wear the same protective equipment as mandated by the OMHA.
- Reminder to female players that play in OWHA, that you must wear a mouth guard to play in our league.
- There is no stick or equipment measurement permitted.

Timekeeper / Scorekeeper:

- The Home team on the schedule must provide 1 volunteer to run the clock and complete game sheet (record who is scoring goals for the purpose of the 4 Goal rule) and manage penalties. (Max 4 Goals per individual player per game and max of 3 penalties of any kind for any player per game—see below).

Warm-Up:

- NO warm-up (coaches get players ready before going on ice – stretch).
- Officials bring your own game puck.

4 Goal Rule:

An individual player is permitted to score a maximum of 4 goals per game. Any additional goals will not count on the score clock and will result in a penalty for the player (second altercation by player will result in player ejection for lack of respect for the rules). With differing skill level of players in our 3 on 3 FUN FIRST league (from AAA to House League and minor & major players playing together), we want to encourage players to be good teammates and promote good sportsmanship. After a player has scored 4 goals encourage them to pass and help set other players up for success as part of their own skill development.

The Game:

The Game starts with a face-off at center ice.

Each game will consist of approx..35 minutes (U9, U11 & U13 and 40-45 minutes for U15).

All games have a curfew (the time on the schedule for end of game).

All games end on time, no matter when the game started.

All games are running time with no stopping of the clock.

Clock starts as soon previous game ends. If you have the first game of the day, if you can start early that is bonus time. Your game still ends when the schedule says.

Officials, Timekeepers and coaches MUST be aware of this and all are responsible to manage this.

Each team will have 3 skaters (4 for U9) and their goalie on the ice and all line player changes happen on the fly. There are zero stoppages of play. When official blows his whistle it indicates a change of possession (goal scored, penalty, off-side, puck out of bounds).It is

not against the rules to pull your goalie for an extra skater (just respect the sportsmanship of this tactic).

Scoring of Goals / Goalie Freezing the Puck / Off-sides:

After a goal is scored, when the goalie freezes the puck and/or an off-side occurs at the blueline (delayed off-sides are permitted), the official will blow his whistle indicating that the offensive players must not play the puck any longer, clear the zone & tag up at the blue line simultaneously. While the other team gains possession of the puck and cannot be challenged until all players have tagged up or team with possession crosses blueline into Neutral Zone. If the offensive team plays the puck before his team has all tagged up, that player will be assessed a delay of game call and leave the ice.

On giving up possession in your defending zone the puck must be dumped into one of the two corners so the other team can take possession and then attack the net.

Off-Sides:

Off-sides will be called as per normal ice hockey rules.

Icing:

Icing will be called as per normal ice hockey rules (Change of possession, clear the zone).

Penalties:

U9, U11: For any penalty, time will NOT be served in the penalty box. Instead, once the official calls a penalty as usual... Raises arm, calls when offending team takes possession, points at the offending player, signals penalty and the player must leave the ice immediately and is replaced with another player from his team (next in line to come on ice). This is all done on the fly (no face-off) and offending player does not return to ice until all other players on his team have entered the game prior to him/her (this is the responsibility of the responsibility of the coaches). Possession of puck is given to the non-offending team as soon as whistle is blown.

U13, U15:

For any penalty in U13 & U15 time will be served in the penalty box (nothing goes on the clock—timekeeper and official will inform player when his time in box has expired (approx. 1.5 minutes). The player will then go to his player bench to the end of the line.

Official raises arm and blows whistle when offending team takes possession, points at the offending player, signals penalty and the player must leave the ice immediately and go to the penalty box. This is all done on the fly (no face-off). Possession of puck is given to the non-offending team as soon as whistle is blown.

- On giving up possession, the puck may be dumped into the boards (laterally) but not deeper into the non-offending team's zone.

- If a goal is scored before offending team takes possession of the puck the penalty will be waived, but offending player must still leave the ice and be replaced with another player.
- Any player with three penalties (of any kind) in the same game will receive an automatic Game Ejection (please report this players name and team to the Convenor).

Penalty Shot:

If official signals a penalty shot, then a goal will be awarded. A penalty shot will be signaled if he/she is clearly on a break-away and is impeded by a trip, hook, slash, hold or throwing of a stick or glove.

The penalized player must leave the ice immediately and must be replaced with another player (U9 & U11 go to players bench) and (U13 & U15 go to penalty box).

Refund Policy:

There will be a \$25 administration fee on any refunds 2 weeks or more prior to start of league.

There will be no refunds (unless we can replace the player with someone on waiting list) less than 2 weeks prior to start of league.