

UFV Winter Classic Outdoor Ball Hockey Tournament

Sportsmanship

UFV Campus Recreation describes sportsmanship as playing clean, handling both victory and defeat with grace, respecting the judgment of referees, treating opponents with respect and most of all having fun!

General Rules of Play:

Game length is 15 minutes: Two seven-minute halves with a one-minute break in the middle. Five-on-five with one goalie, games are played on foot (not on rollerblades).

Divisions:

All teams female and male inclusive

- 10 and under
- 11-15
- 16 years and older

Equipment:

Street Hockey Canada Inc. recommends all participants wear helmets with face shields to prevent any injuries (age category 16+ is user discretion). It is the player's responsibility to bring their own stick.

Goalies are required to wear a full face mask. Other body protectors and a blocker and catcher are recommended. It is the goalie's responsibility to provide their own protective equipment.

Play & Scoring:

Starting: The ball will be dropped at centre by the referee for game. If no one is available you will have to kick it old school with some "NHL" action.

Scoring: The ball must cross the goal line to count. Disputes over goals/non-goals are settled by the referee. If it was too close to call and no one is certain, count it as a "no goal" and keep playing! Games are supposed to be fun – be honest and keep in mind that it's just a game!

After a goal: The team who was just scored on obtains possession and the following rules apply:

Defending Team: Wait in your half until either a player from the other team crosses half way or 10 seconds has passed since the goal; at this point you are free to go after your opponents.

Offensive Team: No shots can be made until the defending team is allowed to approach you (ie. one of your players crosses half or 10 seconds has passed since the goal).

After halftime: Play will resume again with a faceoff at centre. If one team wants to switch sides, then you must switch sides after halftime.

After the game: Stop playing immediately when the horn goes to end the game. Any goals scored after the buzzer starts are not allowed (goals scored during the sound of the buzzer are not allowed).

Slap shots: Remember this is for fun – when shooting, sticks must stay below the waist in all divisions.

In case of tie games:

- Tiebreakers: Shootout will determine the winner
- Two shooters per side (must be different players from the same team)
- If still tied, then one shooter per side until one team scores and the other does not
- Shooters may shoot more than once after the first shootout round

No-shows/Late for game:

Any team who does not show will miss out on their round robin games! Remember there will be pancakes so come early!

Penalties:

This is only for fun and no one should intentionally trip, slash, high-stick, body/cross-check, etc. If this happens, the other team gains possession and play will continue. It is the players' responsibility to be fair and honest. If there are problems with people playing unfair or "dirty" please notify a staff member or volunteer immediately so it can be resolved.

Fighting:

There is a ZERO TOLERANCE rule for fighting. If you or anyone from your team are involved in a fight you will be expelled from the tournament – no exceptions. That's it, keep it simple and enjoy the day! We're all here for a good time!

Things to remember...

The tournament entry fee is a non-perishable food item that players can bring on the day of the event (proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army of Chilliwack).

There is inherent risk involved in playing outdoor ball hockey and other recreational sports. By participating in these activities it is understood that you are aware of this element of risk and accept it as an integral part of the activity. Liability waivers (or informed consents for minors) must be signed on the day of the event.