



# CLIMATE AND SPORT INITIATIVE | SAVE POND HOCKEY EVENT

STONEWALL-ROCKWOOD

February 18-20, 2022



## 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT RULES



### I. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

An off-ice referee will monitor each game.

Games consist of two 15-minute halves with a five (5) minute break for half-time.

Teams will switch ends at the half.

Games start and end at the sound of the siren/horn. Any teams late for games will be penalized 1 goal for each minute late.

After 5 minutes the late team will forfeit the game with a 10-0 score awarded to the opponent. There will be no rescheduled games – a forfeit is a forfeit.

Teams are limited to 6 players with a max of 3 players on the ice at one time.

All teams will play a minimum of three games, then the top teams of each (group/division) advance to play-offs.

All games are running time and substitutions may be made “on the fly” There is no stoppage of play after a goal is scored or a penalty is awarded. If the puck goes out of play at the end of the rink, possession automatically goes to the defending team.

All players 18 and under must wear CSA approved helmets with protective cages. Players 18+ must wear CSA approved helmets - cages or face shields are recommended. Additional protective equipment is optional but highly recommended.

Abusive language by a player towards another player, volunteer, referee, or any event official will result in a player suspension.



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### II. GAME PLAY

A face-off at centre ice begins each half.

Score from the “attacking” side of half only. Shot must be taken at OR over the half-way mark which is determined by your referee.

Teams must give their opponents 1/2 ice after a goal is scored or an infraction takes place.



Referees will call out the score after each goal. This includes goals scored by players or awarded from minor penalties.



Contacting the puck with a stick above the waist will result in a loss of possession.

Saucer passes (i.e. pucks that are lifted low, below the knee) are acceptable.

If a puck goes out of bounds, the last team to touch it loses possession. During restart, the defender must give his opponent 2-stick lengths of space.



There are no off-sides or icing calls.

**GOALTENDING:** Remember there are NO goalies in Pond Hockey therefore there is NO goaltending.

Goaltending may result in an automatic goal if the Volunteer deems that a goal was imminent or a minor penalty if a goal was not imminent.

The crease area is defined as an imaginary box extending out four feet from the outside corners of the goal. A Defensive player may NOT back into and against the net. NO player is allowed to lay down their body, stick, knee, glove or any other part of their equipment in front of the net. A defender may deflect the puck in the crease area, but the defender must do so while continuing to move through the crease area. A player may not patrol, “camp out” or remain stationary in the crease area and act as a goaltender.

No goalie equipment or goalie sticks permitted.

Minor penalties result in a loss of possession for the offending team.

Referees will have the discretion to also award a “penalty shot” to the opposing team when a minor penalty is flagrant and/or a team is consistently playing in a reckless manner.

A penalty shot will be taken from center ice and must be attempted within 30 seconds of the penalty being called. Anyone on the opposing team can take the shot. The team that is awarded the penalty shot will also be given possession of the puck following the penalty shot attempt (regardless of the outcome of the shot).

**No slapshots.** Do not raise your stick or puck above the knee. Such action will result in a minor penalty.

**No physical contact allowed** of any kind. Such action will result in a minor penalty unless deemed serious enough to be a major.

**Fighting** is not allowed and will result in an immediate suspension from the tournament. The team will not be able to replace the suspended player. Intent to injure another player or volunteer will result in an immediate suspension.

Any major penalty, which includes any action that could possibly injure another player, will result in that player being ejected from the tournament. A Head Referee and/or an Off-ice official will determine major penalties in consultation with game referee.



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Upon completion of each game the captain of each team will review and SIGN the scorecards at the end of each game. In doing so each team has accepted the game score and as a result that game is FINAL. If a discrepancy with the score is found, both Captains are to discuss it with the Volunteer and if need be you can ask to speak with the Head Volunteer Official.



### III. IMPORTANT

All calls made by the game referee, head referee, and/or tournament official are final.

REMEMBER that this is pond hockey, play in the true spirit of the game.

Drinking is NOT permitted on the POND except in the designated areas. Any player visibly intoxicated will not be permitted to play at the discretion of the Volunteer.



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