



U9 FULL-ICE HOCKEY

GAME PLAY RULES

- 5 vs 5
- 3-minute warm-up | 2 x 22- 26-minute halves | 2-minute break at half
- Face-offs:
 - after goals, offsides, icings and at the start of each half.
 - If goaltender covers the puck, the referee will encourage goalie to play the puck and for play to continue.
- No score is kept
- Offsides
- Icings
- Blue pucks (4 oz) and black pucks (6 oz) are acceptable to use.

SHIFTS

- 2-minute shifts regulated by buzzer or whistle
- Once the buzzer or whistle signals a shift change, players must leave the puck and go to the bench. If a player is double shifting, they must tag up at the bench

OFFICIATING HALF-ICE

- A Hockey New Brunswick official is required for each game
- Full-ice games require 2 officials

PENALTIES

- Minor penalties are noted with the official briefly raising their arm to indicate a penalty will be assessed. The official blows the whistle and the player must go to the bench.
- The penalized team will play short-handed for the remainder of the shift. They will return to 5 vs 5 at the start of the next shift.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- Smaller 3 x 4 nets (if available)
- Shooter tutor on hand (if team is unable to dress a goaltender)

U9 SEASONAL STRUCTURE

- No games shall start until November 1st of the current season
- The maximum number of games that can be played at the U9 level is 35. This includes jamboree games
- Teams cannot start full-ice games until January 15th
- No full time Goaltenders – Each team should rotate goalie equipment among the players that wish to try the goaltender position.