

# 3 on 3 - Ice Hockey Rules



**2018 CANADA DEAF GAMES**

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Event sanctioned by the Canadian Deaf Sports Association

**Note: These technical rules are submitted by the 2018 CDG Organizing Committee. CDSA supports regulation for each sport. These rules are subject to change following a decision made by 2018 CDG and CDSA.**

## **Section One: Governing Play**

- a. All Hockey Canada rules are in effect unless otherwise stated.
- b. The 2018 CDG-CDSA has final authority concerning all rules and regulations including, but not limited to, suspensions, expulsions and general discretion of conduct.

## **Section Two: Teams**

- a. Only registered players on team rosters are eligible to compete for the team.
- b. A team shall be composed of a maximum of ten (10) players plus one (1) goalie for a total of 11.
- c. Teams must start the game with five (5) players and a goalie (6 in total).
- d. Each team will play with four (4) players on the ice. 1 goalie and 3 players.
- e. All players including the goalie are required to wear the same team jersey.

## **Section Three: 3 on 3 Zero Tolerance Policy**

**In the spirit of respect and fair play, a zero-tolerance policy is in effect:**

- a. Second ejection equals a one game suspension.
- b. Third ejection equals a removal from the tournament.

## **Section Four: Rules of Play**

- a. All games will be NON-BODYCHECKING.
- b. All games will be 3 periods. Each period is eighteen (18) minutes of continuous play.
- c. All games will be played on full sized ice.
- d. All games will begin with a centre ice face-off.
- e. All games will be officiated by a certified referee
- f. Penalties will be called and penalty shots will be awarded.
- g. When play is stopped due to the goalie freezing the puck or a goal was scored, a whistle will signal the attacking players to vacate the zone. Once all the attackers have exited the zone, the players may re-enter to resume play immediately. They may not challenge the opposition until they have all exited the zone. Attacking prematurely may result in a penalty for the offending team.
- h. There is no centre-ice (red) line, and therefore no icing calls. Offside will be in effect.
- i. Delinquent behaviour on the ice will not be tolerated. Offenders will be suspended by the 3 on 3 2018CDG-CDSA.

- j. It is at the discretion of the 3on3 2018CDG-CDSA to decide whether there will be any further action taken.

### **Section Five: Shifts**

- a. In the event a time clock is used to regulate shift length; player shifts will be two (2) minutes in length as a measure of respect to equalize each other. A buzzer will sound to signal the end of each shift.
- b. Bench doors **MUST** remain closed until the sound of the buzzer.
- c. Once the buzzer sounds, players must relinquish control of the puck immediately and vacate the ice. The new players may enter onto the ice surface immediately.
- d. In the case of a shortened bench due to injury or ejection(s), at the sound of the buzzer all players must make contact with the bench boards; the double-shifted player(s) may then rejoin the action after having touched the bench boards
- e. Failure to immediately relinquish control of the puck at the sound of the buzzer or new players entering the ice surface prematurely may result in a penalty (see Minor Penalties) for the offending team.
- f. If the buzzer sounds during a penalty breakaway situation, the clock will be held and the players will be allowed to finish the penalty shot, but must vacate the ice at the sound of the buzzer.
- g. In the absence of a goaltender, teams will play with four (4) skaters. The fourth skater may not exit their zone except to change or in the last shift of the game. Fourth skaters are not required to change on the buzzer and can change at any time.

### **Section Six: Minor Penalties**

- a. Coincidental penalties shall result in a faceoff nearby where it has taken place.
- b. Any player having been assessed three (3) minor penalties in the same game will be automatically ejected from that game.
- c. Body checking penalties will be deemed as two (2) offences on the scoresheet only. Two (2) body checking penalties in the same game will result in the immediate ejection from that game plus a further game misconduct.
- d. If there is a delayed penalty and the offended team scores, the penalty is still recorded to the timekeeper but no penalty shot will be awarded.

### **Section Seven: Major Penalties**

- a. Major penalties will result in the immediate ejection of the offending player(s) and suspension pending further review by the 2018CDG-CDSA.
- b. Fighting majors will result in the penalized players being expelled from the league indefinitely pending further review by the 2018CDG-CDSA.

### **Section Eight: Coaches, Managers**

- a. Up to (3) personnel which includes a combination of coaches, assistants or trainers may be on the bench. All bench personnel must be a minimum 21 years of age and registered with the 2018CDG-CDSA.
- b. Coaches are required to make every effort to ensure EQUAL ICE TIME for all 3 on 3 participants and there is to be no shortening of the bench.
- c. Any bench personnel having been ejected from a game, for any reason, will be automatically suspended for a minimum 2 games and subject to further review for possible expulsion from the league. Inappropriate behaviour, conduct, or language will not be tolerated.

**Your cooperation is to ensure that this is a SAFE and FUN 3 on 3 Hockey League.**