



4v4 Ball Hockey Rules

Eligibility and Players

1. All players must have a valid piece of identification at check-in, or parent/guardian with valid ID (for youth divisions).
2. Team Requirements:
 - a. Teams can consist of up to eight(8) players
 - b. Coed divisions do not have any gender requirements and teams can consist of any combination of gender identities
 - c. All players on the team must fall within the indicated grade level for youth divisions
 - d. Lakehead Student/Faculty/Staff teams must consist fully of Lakehead Students, Faculty, or Staff.
3. Players must play in the round robin games in order to participate in the playoff games
4. Only players listed on the official roster will be permitted to sign in
5. Safety Equipment Required: All players must wear appropriate safety equipment, including helmets, gloves, and face masks.

Rules of the Game

Timing

1. Games will be scheduled on 30 minute increments, with warm-up time factored into.
2. Each game will consist of two halves, each lasting 15 minutes.
3. There will be a 2-minute halftime break between halves.
4. If the score is tied at the end of regulation, a 3 person shootout will take place.

General Rules

1. All players must wear appropriate safety equipment, including helmets, gloves, and face masks.
2. The game will be played with a regulation-size hockey ball and sticks.
3. Substitution Policies:
 - a. Substitutions are allowed at any stoppage of play.
 - b. Players must enter and exit the court at their team's designated substitution area.
4. The tournament will use no-offside and no-icing rules to encourage fast-paced gameplay.

Fouls

1. Minor penalties will result in a 2-minute power play for the opposing team.
2. Major penalties will result in a 5-minute power play for the opposing team.
3. A player receiving a major penalty will be ejected from the game.
4. Acts of violence may occur during the game, contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. These should be stopped immediately by the supervisor and handed out proper penalties.
5. Any players who are guilty of flagrant acts of aggression against opponents or officials shall be disqualified. The referee and Wolves Fest Staff will review the referee report and decide on game or league suspensions.

Team Rankings Following Round-Robin:

1. In the round-robin stage, tiebreakers will be determined by the following criteria: points, goal difference, goals scored.

**Sportsmanship**

Teams must display good sportsmanship to remain in the tournament. Any teams displaying poor sportsmanship including (but not limited to) vulgar language, unreasonable conduct, aggressive behaviour, fighting, etc will be removed from the tournament at the discretion of Wolves Fest staff.

Forfeits

Any team who fails to show up within five minutes of the scheduled game start time will forfeit their game. This will be recorded as a loss for their team, and a win for the other. A No-call no-show will result in removal of your team from the tournament. Any other forfeits will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

Playoffs

All teams will be guaranteed at least one playoff game. Playoff rankings will be based on the standings after round-robin play, and will occur on the second day of the tournament.