



## U9 FULL-ICE HOCKEY

### GAME PLAY RULES

- 5 vs 5
- 3-minute warm-up | 2 periods with a run time clock not to exceed 60 minutes
- Face-offs – Every stoppage – excluding shift changes
- No score is kept
- Offsides
- Icings
- Blue pucks (4 oz) or black pucks (6oz) are acceptable

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season
- The maximum number of games that can be played at the U9 level is 35. This includes jamboree games
- U9 2 and U9 mixed teams (U9 1 & 2) cannot start full-ice games until January 15<sup>th</sup>
- No full time Goaltenders – Each team should rotate goalie equipment among the players that wish to try the goaltender position

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