

HOCKEY SPORTS

RELEVANT REGULATIONS AND RESOURCES

Canadian Standards Association (CSA)

GENERAL NOTES

All the following standards apply to ice hockey and also to roller hockey, ball hockey and floor hockey as described below.

QUESTIONS

HS1 Are all campers wearing the required safety equipment while playing hockey?

All equipment worn by campers and staff must meet the safety standards endorsed by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

Ice Hockey

All campers on the ice must wear full equipment, including helmet with face mask, facial cage or visor.

Roller Hockey

Roller hockey requires full head protection, including helmet with face mask, facial cage or visor. Shin pads, gloves/wrist protection, elbow pads and wrist guards are recommended for all players.

In addition to full head protection, leg, arm/chest, and groin protection are recommended for goaltenders.

Ball Hockey

In ball hockey, campers use wood or composite hockey sticks, and usually play on a paved surface with a hard ball. For contact ball hockey, full head protection including helmet with face mask, facial cage or visor is required. For non-contact ball hockey, some type of eye protection is required.

Floor Hockey

As floor hockey is usually played on a softer surface with plastic sticks and a softer ball, eye protection is required.

HS2 If staff are actively playing, not coaching, are they encouraged to wear certified helmets?

It is recommended that staff should wear helmets since staff are role models for campers and are under the same risk as campers if actively playing. Usually staff do not participate in the game, but rather are coaching or instructing. In such instances, helmets are not mandatory although they are recommended. It is also acknowledged that some professional staff may not agree to wear hockey helmets and accordingly staff are encouraged but not required to wear certified helmets on the ice while instructing.

HS3 Are sticks in a safe condition?

HS4 Are the playing surfaces in a safe condition?

Playing surfaces should be free from any cracks and hazardous conditions such as thin areas where dirt or concrete may break through.

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HS5 Is the entire playing surface clearly visible?

Staff must use discretion at times when the climate creates a "fog" making visibility a concern. Play must be halted until the playing surface is clearly visible.

HS6 Is at least one certified first aider in the arena at all times when campers or staff are on the ice?

HS7 Is a first aid kit in the arena at all times when campers or staff are on the ice?

HS8 Is a stretcher available at the rink?

HS9 Is ambulance service available?

Arrangements with a local doctor and ambulance service must be established prior to commencing the activities. Off-site or rented facilities usually supply all medical needs.

HS10 Is at least one staff member in a supervisory role at all times when any campers are on the ice?

HS11 Are all dressing rooms supervised by gender specific staff while campers are present?

HS12 If dressing rooms are used, are they sanitized as necessary and kept clean?

HS13 Is there sufficient space for equipment to dry between sessions?

HS14 When using facilities or arenas not owned by the camp, has the camp reviewed the facility's emergency procedures and medical assistance?

HS15 When using facilities or arenas not owned by the camp, does the camp have procedures to prevent intrusion by uninvited persons?