



Le Classique 2019 - Rules

General

Play will be 3-on-3 plus a goalie (4 players in total on the playing surface). This means you can only have a maximum of three substitutes. Line changes can be done “on the fly”.

Equipment

Player Equipment: Le Classique *strongly* recommends all participants wear helmets with face shields, mouth guards, gloves and shin pads to prevent any injuries. Ball hockey in winter is a dangerous sport and accidents can happen. Any standard ice hockey or street hockey stick can be used for play. Spongee shoes, while likely not useful given the playing surface, are permitted. Absolutely no spikes of any kind will be allowed.

Minors: All minors (under 18 years of age) are required to wear a helmet and full face shield or cage.

Goalie Equipment: Goalies are required to wear a full face mask. Leg protectors, a chest protector and a blocker and catcher are highly recommended. Goalies may use standard Goalie sticks if they choose to do so.

Play

Draws are 45 mins in length. Games will be two 18 minutes halves with a one minute break between periods. There will be an 8 minute cool-down/warm-up between every game. Games that finish in a tie will be recorded as a tie (there will be no overtime or shootout in round robin play). Refs will keep time and games will start on time. A Loudspeaker will be announcing last minute of play, half time and end of games. Please make sure you are on time. Teams that are late will be assessed delay of game penalty and will forfeit after being 5 minutes late. There are no offsides, two-line passes or icings. When the goalie covers the ball, the opposing team will give the player in possession of the ball 1.5 meters leeway and 3 seconds to play the ball.

Slapshots and stick control

The stick must always remain below the knees and slapshots will not be permitted. The referees will issue warnings on stick control initially, which will result in loss of possession, but continued violations will result in penalties.

Ball out of play

Any time the ball goes out of play, the referee will indicate which team gets possession (based on last contact with the ball) and the defending team will have to give 1.5 meters leeway and 3 seconds to the player getting possession. It is imperative that someone on the bench from the team that shot the ball out of play goes to collect the ball. There will only be one spare ball per game per rink.

Penalties

Official Tournament Referees will be officiating every game. There will be face-offs between every goal. Minor penalties will be one minute in length; major penalties will be two minutes. After a penalty is called, the team on the power play immediately starts with possession. All stick infractions (High Sticking, Slashing, Spearing, Butt-ending) will be major penalties. Should a player accumulate 4 minutes of penalties in a game, he will be ejected from that game and a teammate will have to serve the penalty. Any players handed a fighting penalty will be ejected from the tournament and asked to leave the premises. The Referee has full discretion over all calls and ejections. The commissioner reserves the right to enforce any penalties and suspensions to any player for any reason they see fit. Abuse of any official or volunteer will absolutely not be tolerated, and teams will be ejected from tournament and asked to leave the premises if abuse happens.

Rough Play

We're cleaning up the tournament and getting rid of dirty and rough play. We want clean hockey and will have a zero tolerance for any shoving, stick work or rough play of any kind. For the second year in a row, we've outsourced the refereeing this year. This means the refs will be third parties that are either licensed by Ball Hockey Manitoba, or have been sanctioned by the Referee in Chief. Refs have been give very strict instructions to call a minor penalty, then a major, then an ejection, and the fourth infraction of the above will result in the team being ejected from the tournament. We kicked out players and teams from the tournament last year and will not hesitate to do so again this year.

Co-Ed Division

Teams in the Co-Ed division must ensure to have a member of each sex on the playing surface at all times. The goalie can be of either sex, but of the three forward players on the playing surface, at all times, there must be one male and one female. If the referee notices that a team is fielding a team of nothing but males or nothing but females, he will immediately whistle a penalty on the team committing the in.