

3 on 3 RULES:

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1. All games will be played on half ice (think half court basketball like game).
2. Remember, this is 3 on 3, so each team has up to 5 players in their designated “rest area” ready to jump into action. All player changes must take place “on the fly” with a hand tag of 1 of the resting players. No changes may occur after a goal has been scored, only once play has resumed.
3. A space near center ice will be designated for team’s “rest areas”. Players must remain in that area until “tagged” by a teammate involved in the game.
4. The game format is similar to basketball’s half court game. The offensive team must make 2 passes inside the attacking zone before attempting to score. A failure to do so, results in a change of possession to the defensive team, who will take possession of the puck outside the blue line.
5. If the defensive team is able to steal the puck off the offensive team they must **carry** (puck cannot be passed over the blue line) the puck out of the zone (over the blue line). However, the original offensive team can work to regain possession of the puck before it leaves the zone. Should they regain control, they may attempt to score immediately, 2 passes are not required in this instance.
6. A puck shot out or unintentionally carried out of the zone by either team results in a change of possession.
7. All players must “clear” the zone when their team gains possession (put themselves “onside”).
8. The goalies cannot “freeze” the puck. Should the goalie cover the puck, all players must back away quickly (2-3 feet) allowing the goalie to clear the puck out of danger. Once the puck leaves the goalie’s possession, it is a “free” puck to be contested by both teams. The team last on offense is entitled to attempt to score immediately should they recover possession, while the defensive team would have to “clear” the zone.
9. After a goal, the puck is immediately taken outside the zone and remains in the possession of the team who scored. The game immediately resumes upon the offensive team’s players clearing the zone. Remember, 2 passes must always be made when the puck clears the zone (including after a goal) before attempting to score again.
10. An instructor/coach will officiate each game.
11. Offside will be called, resulting in a change of possession.
12. Penalties will be called. An immediate Penalty Shot will be awarded to the player who was fouled. The puck will be placed on the blue line for the start of the Penalty Shot. All players (both teams) must quickly take a position on 1 knee outside the blue line on the side closest to their “rest area”. These players may all reactivate as the fouled player passes the top of the circles. Play is live from that point on (i.e. the puck may be rebounded and scored or collected by the defensive team).
13. Any player consistently being called for penalties will be subject to Program discipline. Fighting will not be tolerated. Intense play is required of all players, as is respect for teammates, opponents, self and **sportsmanship is an absolute and non negotiable.**