

Open Hockey Rules

Open Hockey and Rat Hockey is for fun and enjoyment for everyone. Open hockey is designated for scrimmages, not organized drills. Everyone is entitled to use of the full ice surface. Regardless of your level of skill, there are elements of risk in the sport of hockey. Use common sense, show courtesy to others, and anticipate dangerous situations before they arise.

The following rules are basic elements of safety and courtesy and it is understood that:

- Participants assume all risks of injury or death sustained while in, on or about the premises of IceLand, and waive all liability against the Niles Park District, its officers, employees and agents.
- Participants release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Niles Park District from any and all claims, demands or causes of action that are in any way connected with the participation in the sport of hockey or use of IceLand premises, facilities or equipment, whether "on" or "off" the ice, on the part of the Niles Park District, its officers, employees and agents.
- Participants have adequate insurance and agree to assume full responsibility for any costs or expenses occasioned by an injury or medical need arising out of participation in the sport of hockey or use of IceLand premises, facilities or equipment.
- Helmets are required for all participants.
- All players need full equipment.
- All players under 18 years old need a full face mask and neck guard.
- Food and/or Drink are not allowed on the ice.
- You must pay, and check in prior to skating.
- Report any dangerous situations or behavior to staff immediately.
- Participants in the sport of hockey are doing so at their own risk.
- No contact!
- No Organized Drills.
- No private lessons allowed by guest coaches, IceLand staff only.
- Everyone is allowed to play regardless of ability; pass the puck; no one likes a puck hog.
- Respect the ice. Please do not litter or use foul language.
- NO REFUNDS issued for Open Hockey.

This is just a partial list. There are elements of risk that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. You are ultimately responsible for your personal safety. Use caution, and skate in control. Respect other skaters. Staff cannot guarantee your safety and will not protect you from injury. It is part of your responsibility to avoid other skaters and hazards. Failure to use good judgment, to skate responsibly, or to follow the rules will result in the loss of skating privileges