

**Summer Youth Ball Hockey League
Information & Rules**

Thank you for choosing the BGC Greater Saint John’s Summer Ball Hockey League for your child. We strive to achieve the goals of fair play, sportsmanship and equal opportunity for all players.

LEAGUE INFORMATION:

- Schedules will be emailed and posted on our FB page: www.facebook.com/SjbgcSummerBallHockeyLeague/
- **NEW:** Evaluation groupings of 15-24 youth will take place on June 9 (Junior) and June 10 (Senior). You will receive an email the first week of June with a time slot for evaluation. Coaches will run evaluations along with League Management.
- The league for all divisions will begin the week of June 21st, see schedule below. There will be 8 weeks of league play only. No playoffs or tournament.

Division	Age Category <small>As of May 24, 2021</small>	Game Day	Game Start Times	Evaluation Night	First Season Game	Last Season Game
Mini	5 - 7	Tuesday	6:15pm, 7:15pm	n/a	June 22	August 10
Junior	8 - 10	Wednesday	6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm	June 9	June 23	August 11
Senior	11 - 14	Thursday	6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm	June 10	June 24	August 12

Ineligible Player: If a team is found playing with an ineligible player, that team will be forced to default all games in which that player has played.

Default Rule: If a team defaults a game, the opposing team will be awarded a win with a 5-0 score. (Plus/minus). Teams late for games will be given a 10 minute grace period.

Mandatory Equipment:

- Helmets with chin strap and full face cage
- Gloves
- Cup
- Stick with plastic blade, fiberglass strip, composition blades and/or graphite blades. Absolutely no wooden blades; exception will be made for goalies only!
- Goalies must wear full gear

Uniforms: Teams will be provided uniforms. Jerseys will be provided to the players on each team and passed in after every game. Jerseys will be sanitized and washed weekly. You cannot bring your jersey home.

Mercy Rule: If a team is losing a game by 10 goals or more, the clock will run straight time in the last 2 minutes. Games are 2 x 20 minute period’s straight time (last 2 minutes stop time).

LEAGUE RULES:

Fair play, sportsmanship and respect must be displayed at all times by players, coaches, officials, spectators and anyone associated with the teams. Rules are the same as official ball hockey rules with the following:

1. No off sides or icing.
2. Close hand on ball will result in a face-off.
3. No checking allowed, physical contact must be kept to a minimum to maintain social distancing.
4. High sticking (contacting the ball or a player over the shoulder) will result in a penalty.
5. Slap shots will be permitted from anywhere.
6. Chief Referee will be responsible for all decisions, which will be final.
7. Any player receiving 3 minor penalties in a game will automatically be ejected from the game.
8. No swearing allowed on the bench or floor by players, coaches, or anyone associated with the team. Coaches are responsible for players/coaches behavior while on the bench.
9. Intentionally putting the ball out of play will result in a delay of game penalty.
10. If a player becomes involved in a fight during a game, he/she will be automatically ejected from that game with possible ejection from future games (referee's discretion). Third man in will automatically be ejected from the game plus future games. **Please note:** 1 punch constitutes a fight. Any player who leaves the bench during a fight will be automatically ejected from the game plus future games. This rule will be strictly enforced.
11. Deliberately injuring a player will not be tolerated and will result in ejection from the game with possible ejection from future games. Attempts to injure a player will result in a minimum of a 5 minute penalty. Examples of deliberate attempt to injure can include butt ending, spearing, hitting from behind, head-butting, kicking, boarding, checking, cross-checking, elbowing, kneeing, high sticking, hooking, holding, tripling, etc.
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a penalty ranging from a minor penalty to game(s) ejection, depending on the behavior. Examples of this include spitting, throwing equipment into the stands, swearing, taunting, obscene gestures, banging the bleachers, etc.
13. Abuse of referees will not be tolerated. Players will refrain from arguing with officials, swearing, using obscene gestures, showing disrespect, intentionally shooting the ball out of the reach of an official, threatening, insulting, taunting or otherwise abusing officials will result in playoff ejection.
14. No delayed calling of penalties. Penalties will be called immediately during play. A face off will take place where the play was stopped unless the stoppage occurred in the offending player's attacking zone in which case the face off will take place in the neutral zone.
15. Each team is allowed one timeout per period.

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