RILEY ARENA

DROP-IN HOCKEY RULES AND POLICIES

Purpose

Drop-In Hockey sessions are designed to provide participants with an opportunity to play informal, recreational hockey in a safe and shared-ice environment.

Drop-In Hockey is not intended for organized team practices, league games, or exclusive team use of the ice.

All participants are expected to respect other players and share the ice safely and fairly.

1. Admission and Participation

1.1 All participants must check in and pay the applicable admission fee before entering the ice.

1.2 All participants must sign the required Riley Arena waiver at the front counter when paying the applicable admission fee and before entering the ice.

1.3 Riley Arena may establish attendance limits or require advance registration for Drop-In Hockey sessions.

1.4 Participants must follow all directions given by Riley Arena staff.

1.5 Riley Arena reserves the right to refuse participation or remove any person whose conduct creates a safety concern or disrupts the session.

2. Required Equipment

2.1 All participants are required to wear hockey pants, hockey gloves, shin pads, and a properly fitted hockey helmet while participating in Drop-In Hockey.

2.2 Full hockey protective equipment, including shoulder pads, elbow pads, and other appropriate protective equipment, is strongly encouraged.

2.3 Goalies must wear appropriate goalie protective equipment and a properly fitted goalie helmet with face protection.

2.4 Riley Arena staff may require additional protective equipment when necessary for safety.

2.5 Players are responsible for ensuring their equipment is properly fitted and maintained.

3. General On-Ice Rules

3.1 Drop-In Hockey is for informal recreational hockey play.

3.2 Players must follow the format, teams, and rules established for the session by Riley Arena staff or the designated ice monitor.

3.3 Checking, fighting, intentional body contact, or dangerous physical play is prohibited.

3.4 Players must maintain control of their stick at all times. High-sticking, slashing, spearing, cross-checking, and other dangerous stick use are prohibited.

3.5 Players must play under control and avoid reckless or excessively aggressive behavior.

3.6 Slap shots are permitted only when Riley Arena staff or the designated ice monitor determines they can be safely used during the session.

3.7 Players must remain aware of other participants and avoid dangerous collisions.

3.8 No deliberate shooting of the puck after a whistle or after play has stopped.

3.9 Players must follow staff directions regarding line changes, teams, game format, and play.

3.10 Riley Arena staff or the designated ice monitor may stop or modify play when necessary for safety or fair participation.

3.11 Participants who consume alcohol are expected to drink responsibly.

3.12 No food, tobacco products, or illegal drugs are permitted on the ice.

3.13 Water in a closed, non-breakable container is permitted.

4. Teams and Sharing the Ice

4.1 Drop-In Hockey is a shared recreational session. Participants may not reserve the ice for a private team or group.

4.2 Riley Arena staff or the designated ice monitor may assign or adjust teams to promote safe and fair participation.

4.3 Players are expected to cooperate with reasonable requests to rotate players, balance teams, or modify the format when attendance requires it.

4.4 Organized team practices, drills, or structured training sessions are not permitted during Drop-In Hockey unless specifically approved by Riley Arena Management.

4.5 Riley Arena staff may limit the number of participants or establish procedures for managing attendance and participation.

5. Goalies, Nets, and Pucks

5.1 Goalies must wear appropriate protective equipment and a properly fitted goalie helmet with face protection.

5.2 Participants must follow Riley Arena procedures regarding the use and placement of nets.

5.3 Nets may not be moved without permission from Riley Arena staff or the designated ice monitor.

5.4 Players must use pucks in a safe manner and make reasonable efforts to prevent pucks from being shot dangerously or unnecessarily out of the playing area.

5.5 No shooting directly at the side boards or glass.

5.6 Riley Arena staff may prohibit or remove equipment that creates a safety concern or interferes with the session.

6. Coaching and Instruction

6.1 Coaching or instruction of any kind is not permitted during Drop-In Hockey sessions.

6.2 This includes private lessons, organized instruction, structured drills, team practices, or other coaching activities unless specifically authorized by Riley Arena Management.

7. Parents and Spectators

7.1 Parents and guardians are responsible for the supervision and conduct of their minor children.

7.2 Riley Arena may establish age-specific supervision requirements for certain Drop-In Hockey sessions.

7.3 Parents, guardians, and spectators must not enter the ice surface unless registered and properly equipped as a participant.

8. Conduct

8.1 All participants, parents, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner.

8.2 The following are prohibited: fighting or aggressive behavior; bullying or harassment; threatening or abusive conduct; intentional dangerous play; deliberate damage to Arena property; repeated use of inappropriate or abusive language after being warned; failure to follow staff instructions; and any conduct that Riley Arena staff reasonably determines creates a safety risk.

9. Staff Authority and Enforcement

9.1 Riley Arena staff and designated ice monitors have final authority over activities occurring during Drop-In Hockey sessions.

9.2 Staff may give warnings; require a participant to modify or stop an activity; sit out a player; remove unsafe equipment; remove a participant, parent, or spectator from the ice or facility; and suspend future Drop-In Hockey privileges.

9.3 Participants removed for violating Arena policies may not be entitled to a refund.

9.4 Failure to follow these rules may result in immediate removal from the session and possible suspension of future Riley Arena privileges.

10. Arena Management Authority

10.1 Riley Arena reserves the right to modify these rules, establish additional session-specific requirements, limit attendance, or cancel a session when necessary for safety, operations, scheduling, or facility needs.

10.2 The decision of Riley Arena Management regarding safety and appropriate use of the ice shall be final.