

HOCKEY GUYS™

INSTRUCTIONS AND PLAYBOOK

OBJECTIVE:

Each team has five players and one goaltender. The object of the game is to put the puck into the opposing team's goal. The players control the puck using a their stick. They can pass the puck to each other until they are close enough to the goal and then they shoot. A game consists of three periods of twenty minutes each. The clock is running only when the puck is in play.

POSITIONS:

The five players who are not the goalie are divided into three forwards and two defensemen. The forward positions consist of a center and two wingers: a left wing and a right wing. The final player is the goalie. The goalie's job is to stand in front of the net and prevent the opposing team from scoring. When a player gets tired, he can be substituted with another player at any point during the game

ASSEMBLY:

Hockey Guys™ comes with a set of “boards” and a mat that make up the hockey rink. In order to assemble, connect the “boards” together as shown in the below image. Once they are all assembled, place the mat inside and put one goal at each end of the rink.



FACE-OFF:

In order to start play, two players stand opposite each other in the middle of the rink and the referee drops the puck in between them. Each player tries to pass the puck to one of his teammates. During the game, a **face-off** happens in one of the outer four circles.

OFFENSE:

The offense is the team that has the puck at any given time in the game. A player will move the puck with him up the ice as he skates or he will pass it to another teammate.

DEFENSE:

A team is on defense when the other team has the puck. In order to take the puck away from the offense, a player on defense can **check** the player with the puck. This means he can either use his stick to hit the puck away, or he can use his shoulder or hip to push his opponent away from the puck.

HOW TO PLAY:

In order to stimulate the imagination, Hockey Guys™ does not include instructions on how to play. We suggest that, using the figures, you simply flick the puck around the rink, passing between players. If you're close enough, try flicking the puck into the goal! Create your own rules as you go. Please visit our website at www.kaskeykids.com for suggestions of how to play or to share any ideas of your own.

I LOST THE PUCK!

If you lost the puck, we suggest that you simply use another object about the same size and shape. We find a plastic bottled water cap works well.

A VERY SIMPLIFIED EXPLANATION OF HOW TO PLAY REAL HOCKEY:

Although there are many, many rules, real hockey is an easy game to understand. You can start playing after learning a few basic but important guidelines.

PENALTIES:

When a player commits a penalty, he is sent to the penalty box and his team must play without him for a short period of time. Most penalties last for two minutes, unless a major penalty is called in which case a player must sit out for four, five or ten minutes depending on the penalty. This gives the other team a **power play** which means they have more players on the ice than the other team until the penalty is over.

STRATEGIES:

Players often skate up the ice together making short passes to each other until one player is close enough to shoot. Sometimes when a team is losing by one or two goals in the last few minutes of play they **pull the goalie**, or remove him from play, and replace him with an extra attacker in hopes that they can score quickly. This is very risky because the opposing team might score easily.