**IIHF Rules for Ice Rinks**

**Definition of the Rink**
The game of ice hockey shall be played on a white ice surface known as a **Rink**.

**Dimensions of the Rink**
Maximum size: 61 m long by 30 m wide.
Minimum size: 56 m long by 26 m wide.
The corners shall be rounded in the arc of a circle with a radius of **7 to 8.5 m**.

► For IIHF competitions the size will be **60 to 61 m long** by **29 to 30 m wide**.

**Boards**
- The rink shall be surrounded by a wooden or plastic wall known as the **“BOARDS”**, which shall be white in colour.
- They shall be not less than **1.17 m** and not more than **1.22 m in height** above the level of the ice surface.
- The boards shall be constructed in such a manner that the surface facing the ice shall be smooth and free of any obstruction that could cause injury to the players, and the protective screens and gear used to hold the boards in position shall be mounted on the side away from the playing surface.
- The gaps between the panels shall be minimized to 3 mm.

**Kick Plate**
At the lower part of the boards will be fixed a **“KICK PLATE”**, yellow in colour, **15 to 25 cm** in height.

**Doors**
- All doors giving access to the ice surface must swing away from the ice surface.
- The gaps between the door and the board shall be minimized to 8 mm.
Protective Glass
- The protective glass located above the boards shall be 160 cm to 200 cm in height on the ends and shall extend 4 m from the goal line towards the neutral zone, and 80 cm to 120 cm in height along the sides, except in front of the players benches.
- The gaps between the glass panels shall be minimized to 8 mm.
- At any interruption of the protective glass there shall be protective padding to prevent the injury of the players.

End Zone Nets
Protective nets must be suspended above the end zone boards and glass.

Division and Marking of the Ice Surface
The ice surface will be divided in its length by five lines marked on the ice and extending completely across the rink and continuing vertically up the side of the boards.

Goal Lines
Lines shall be marked 4 m from each end of the rink, 5 cm wide and red in colour, known as the: GOAL LINES

Blue Lines
The ice area between the two goal lines shall be divided in three equal parts by lines 30 cm wide and blue in colour known as the: BLUE LINES

Center Line
A line known as the CENTER LINE shall be located in the middle of the rink. It shall be 30 cm wide and red in colour.

Protective Glass and Boards
All measurements in cm.
Face-Off Spots and Circles
All spots and circles are marked on the ice surface in order to position the players for a face-off as ordered by the officials at the beginning of the game, at the beginning of each period and after each stoppage of play.

Center Face-Off Spot and Circle
A circular blue spot, 30 cm in diameter, shall be marked exactly in the center of the rink. With this spot as a center, a circle with a radius of 4.5 m shall be marked with a blue line 5 cm wide.

Face-Off Spots in Neutral Zone
Two red spots, 60 cm in diameter, shall be marked in the neutral zone, 1.5 m from each blue line as illustrated on this page.

End Zone Face-Off Spots and Circles
Face-off spots and circles shall be marked on the ice in both end zones and on both sides of each goal as illustrated on this page.

- The face-off spots will be 60 cm in diameter, red in colour, as illustrated on this page.

- On opposite sides of the end zone face-off spots shall be marked double "L", as illustrated on this page.

- The circles will have a radius of 4.5 m from the center of the face-off spots and marked with a red line, 5 cm wide.

Center Ice Spot and Circle
All measurements in cm
Referee Crease
An area known as the REFEREE CREASE shall be marked on the ice in a semi-circle by a red line, 5 cm wide, and with a radius of 3 m, immediately in front of the Scorekeeper Bench, as illustrated on this page.

Goal Crease
In front of each goal a GOAL CREASE area shall be marked by a red line, 5 cm wide, as illustrated on this page.

The goal crease area shall be painted light blue.
1. Each players bench must have two doors, one of which must be in the NEUTRAL ZONE.

2. The players benches must be protected from access by persons other than the players and the six team officials.

Players Benches
- Each rink shall be provided with two identical benches, exclusively for the use of players in uniform and officials of both teams.
- The benches will be on the same side of the rink, immediately along the ice but opposite to the penalty benches, separated by a substantial distance or by other facilities, and convenient to the dressing rooms.
- Each bench shall begin 2 m from the center line with a minimum length of 10 m and a minimum width of 1.50 m.
- Each bench shall accommodate:
  - 16 players and 6 team officials.

Penalty Benches
- Each rink shall be provided with two benches to be known as the penalty benches for a minimum of:
  - 5 players each.
- They will be located on both sides of the Scorekeeper’s desk and opposite to the players benches and will have a minimum length of 4 m and a minimum width of 1.50 m.

Goal Judges Benches
Properly protected cages to eliminate interference with the Goal Judge’s activities shall be placed at each end of the rink behind the board and glass in the area of the goal.

Scorekeeper Bench
Between the penalty benches will be located the Scorekeeper bench, which will have a length of 5.50 m to accommodate 6 people.

Players Benches and Penalty Benches
All measurements in cm
Signal and Timing Devices

Siren
Each rink shall be provided with a siren or other suitable sound device to be used by the Timekeeper.

Clock
Each rink shall have an electric clock (scoreboard) in order to provide spectators, players and officials with accurately information concerning:

– names of both teams,
– time played in any period, counting up in minutes and seconds from 0.00 to 20.00,
– penalty time remaining to be served for at least two players on each team, counting down from the total number of minutes to 0,
– score,
– time-outs, counting down from 30 to 0 seconds,
– intermission time, counting down from 15 to 0 minutes.

Red and Green Lights
Behind each goal there shall be:

– a red light to be lit by the Goal Judge when a goal is scored,
– a green light to be lit automatically by the electric clock when the Timekeeper stops the clock and at the end of each period.

Players Dressing Rooms
Each team shall be provided with a suitable room with sufficient space for 25 team officials and players and their equipment, equipped with benches, sanitary toilet and showers.

Referees and Linesmen Dressing Room
A separate dressing room equipped with chairs or benches, sanitary toilet and shower must be provided for the exclusive use of the Referees and Linesmen.

Rink Lighting
All rinks shall be sufficiently well illuminated so that the players, officials and spectators may conveniently follow the play at all times.

Smoking in the Arena
In enclosed rinks, smoking shall be prohibited in the playing and spectator areas, as well as in the dressing rooms and all the facilities where the players are involved.