

Street Hockey Policy and Code of Conduct City of Kingston

Purpose

The intent of this policy and code of conduct is to:

- set out when, where and how street hockey may take place
- avoid or minimize traffic congestion, excessive noise, inappropriate behaviour, and disrespect for neighbours and private property.
- identify the possibility of injury that accompanies street hockey
- clarify that participants in street hockey, and parents or guardians who allow their children to participate in street hockey, assume all risks related to the activity

Definitions

“Local Street” is a street in a residential neighbourhood with low traffic volumes and the posted speed limit is 50 km/h or less, where participants, or in the case of children their parent or guardian, consider it safe to play street hockey and assume the risk when they do, and where the city has not prohibited street hockey.

“Street hockey” is the playing of hockey on a Local Street by one of more participants.

Permitted activity

Street hockey may be played on a Local Street during daylight hours when there is good visibility. Street hockey may never be played before 9 a.m. or after 8 p.m.

Code of conduct

Street hockey participants must:

- keep an ongoing watch for motor vehicle and bicycle traffic and must clear the street immediately of participants and equipment so that vehicles may pass safely
- remove all equipment from the street, sidewalk, and boulevard as soon as the street hockey game is over and between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- respect the rights of neighbours to the reasonable enjoyment of their property free from damage, inappropriate noise, or disrespectful conduct toward them or their property

Failure to Comply with Code of Conduct

A person who breaches the Code of Conduct, as determined by municipal or law enforcement staff, shall lose the privilege of playing street hockey for a period of 90 days. In the event that 3 or more breaches of the Code of Conduct have occurred on a particular street within a 30 day period, the privilege of playing street hockey on that street shall be lost for a period of 90 days.

Assumption of risk

The possibility of injury exists when playing any sport, particularly when it involves unsupervised children. The playing of street hockey brings additional risks including a road surface that is not designed for hockey and interactions with motor vehicles and bicycles. Participants in street hockey, or in case of children their parents or guardians, are responsible for determining what locations are safe and for playing in a safe manner. People who choose to play street hockey or allow a child in their care to play street hockey agree that they are assuming any and all risks associated with that decision and are waiving any and all claims against the city.

If you are not prepared to assume the risk and free the city of any liability, do not play street hockey.