



# CÉLÉBRATION HOCKEY FÉMININ CAROLINE OUELLETTE

## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS U9



The Caroline Ouellette Celebration is governed by the rules of Hockey Canada, Hockey Québec, and its own regulations. The operating rules of the Caroline Ouellette Celebration were developed in collaboration with the regulatory department of Hockey Québec.

### **TEAM REGISTRATION**

Before their first game, each team must report to the registrar of the Caroline Ouellette Girls Hockey Celebration event to confirm the players present for the game.

### **VISITOR - HOME TEAM**

- Each team will be the home team for two games and the visitor for two games.
- Jersey Colors:
  - The home team wears dark colors.
  - The visiting team wears light colors.
- Exception: For games involving teams formed from individual registrations, such as the Mini-Canadiennes, Mini-Stars, you must wear a different jersey color from these teams. These teams have only one jersey color.

### **U9 TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

- Three Divisions: CCM - BFL Canada - Tim Hortons
- Four games total per team
- It is a Festival Format, therefore there are no semi-finals or finals

### **GAME PROTOCOL AND SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR U9**

- Games are played on half-ice.
- All games are played 4 vs 4 with one goalie per team..
- The game structure is as follows :
  - Warm-Up : 2 minutes
  - First period : 21 minutes
  - Side Change Break : 1 minute
  - Second period : 21 minutes
- Shift length is 90 seconds. A buzzer signals player substitutions.
- Time runs continuously throughout the 21-minute periods.
- At the sound of the buzzer, players must immediately leave the puck and exit the ice. The referee retrieves the puck and positions themselves at the nearest faceoff spot to conduct the next faceoff.

- o If a team has seven players or fewer, any player(s) designated to stay on the ice for the next shift must still go to their team's bench before returning to play.
- No goalie may be pulled to add a fifth attacker.\*
- **Exception:** If a goalie must leave the game temporarily or for the remainder of the match, the team may:
  - o Play with a fifth skater but without goalie privileges, or
  - o Assign a forward to play as a goalie, using the minimum necessary equipment (helmet with throat guard, goalie stick). The player may choose to use goalie gloves. The game will not be stopped to make the change. The designated player may put on the equipment at the team bench and join play at the start of a shift.

## **FACEOFF**

- Each period begins with a faceoff at center ice.
- At the end of each shift, players must leave the puck immediately and exit the ice. The referee retrieves the puck and positions themselves at the nearest faceoff spot. Refer to Figure 2 for the various faceoff zones and positions.
- As soon as one player from each team arrives, the official drops the puck to resume play. Other players may join the play as soon as they leave the bench.

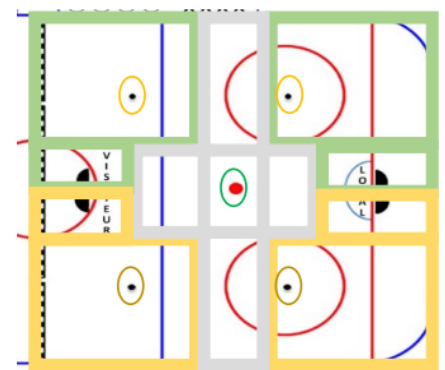


Figure 2 : Positionnement des mises en jeu

## **STOPPAGES OF PLAY AND CHANGES OF POSSESSION**

When a goaltender covers the puck, or after a goal, the referee blows the whistle to indicate that the attacking team must back off, and the defending team takes possession behind the net. The team may move forward at the referee's whistle. The opposing team must wait for the first play before applying pressure to the player. A pass behind the net is not considered a first play.

When the puck is sent out of play, the offending team backs off, and the official gives a puck to the other team to resume play.

## **RULES SPECIFIC TO PENALTIES**

Coaches are expected to encourage respect for the rules and sportsmanship, and to educate players about the infractions they commit. Coaches are also expected to work with officials to ensure games run smoothly.

- Minor penalties are reported by the official as per normal procedure.
- Play is stopped and the puck is given to the non-offending team for the restart where play was stopped.
- The offending player is automatically sent to her team's bench for the end of the current shift.

- The team can replace the offending player, the official does not have to wait for the arrival of the replacement to restart the game.
- If a goal is scored during a delayed penalty, the offending player is still removed for the end of the shift.
- In all cases, penalties are counted on the match sheet.
- Any player who takes their 3rd penalty in the same game will be removed from play for the remainder of the game.
- Officials may inform the coach when a player has received his second penalty, but this warning is not required for the application of the penalty related to a third penalty for the same player. • Automatic expulsions and suspensions apply in accordance with Hockey Canada regulations.
- In all cases, penalties are recorded on the player's game sheet by the off-ice official.
- Any player who receives a third minor penalty in the same game will be removed from play for the remainder of the game.
- Officials may inform the coach when a player receives a second penalty, but this warning is not required to enforce a third-penalty ejection.
- If an infraction is committed that would normally result in a player's expulsion (gross misconduct, match, or game misconduct), the offending player will be removed from the rest of the game and the standard suspensions apply.
- If a goal is scored during a delayed penalty, the penalty will be recorded for the offending player if it is deemed dangerous or intentional.

## **OFFICIALS**

The Girls Hockey Celebration is committed to the development of female officials in hockey, and the Celebration serves as a development and mentoring event for our young officials in Québec.

Please note that during certain games, there may be a mentor or a "shadow" on the ice to support the officials. They may intervene if necessary; otherwise, they will be present only to guide the officials.

Please be patient and respectful.

Thank you for sharing this information with your coaches, players, and parents.



## **ENJOY THE CELEBRATION!**