

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**

**DEK HOCKEY  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ROSTER LIMITS**

Teams must have a minimum of 12 registered players and a maximum of 15 players.

**ROSTER CHANGES**

Roster changes can be up to the 6<sup>th</sup> game of the season, no roster additions are permitted after the 6<sup>th</sup> game. No refunds will be made after the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the season.

**NON-ROSTER PLAYERS**

Any team found guilty of using non-roster players will forfeit all games those players participated in, and face possible suspension from the league.

**ELIGIBILITY POLICY RULE**

Birthdate as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

Example: John turns 10 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is eligible to play in the 7 – 9 age group the entire year.

Any team deliberately found using over age players (that were over age before the registration date) will forfeit ALL games that the player(s) had participated in. Official Birth Certificates may be required upon request.

**EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

1. Deck hockey shin pads of any kind must be worn by all players, except goalies who are required to wear goalie pads.
2. Gloves of any kind must be worn by forwards and defense. No cut out fingers will be allowed.
3. All players must wear a helmet, full face shields or mask and mouthguard.
4. All players must wear elbow pads.

**JERSEY REQUIREMENTS**

All players must wear matching jerseys. Teams or players not having matching jerseys must ask for an exception from the rink manager who may grant a temporary deferral their discretion.

**ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**

No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products are permitted in the rink area. Anyone caught drinking, or using drugs or tobacco products on the property, will be suspended from the rink indefinitely.

**REFEREES**

The Allegheny County Department of Parks is not responsible for scheduling referees.

### **BENCH CLEARING**

Fighting will not be tolerated at any time. Anyone involved in an altercation will be subject to permanent ejection from the county's dek hockey rinks, and possibly the park.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> MAN IN RULE**

Any player(s) that enters into any altercation (for any reason) will receive an automatic game misconduct and be subject to permanent ejection from the rink and/or park.

Any player(s) that enters into any altercation in the parking lot will be subject to permanent ejection from the rink and/or park.

### **GAME MISCONDUCT**

Any player given a game misconduct must leave the rink (playing) surface, or their team will be subject to forfeit.

### **ABUSE OF OFFICIALS**

Team members (including the coaching staff) may not verbally argue or abuse referees or officials. Any player, coach, manager, or team representative who persists in arguing with, or verbally abuse referees or officials will be suspended for a minimum of two games. Team members (including coaching staff) may not strike or attempt to strike an official under any circumstances. Anyone who strikes or attempts to strike an official will be subject to permanent ejection from the rink and/or park.

### **DAMAGING PROPERTY**

Anyone who willfully causes any damage to the rink area or any part of the rink will be subject to permanent ejection from the rink and/or park and will be required to make restitution before being allowed to play again (under the discretion of the rink manager).

### **LITTERING**

Anyone caught littering in or around the rink area will receive either a minimum two game suspension or a \$50.00 fine.

### **HALTING PLAY**

Referees have the authority to halt play at any time once the game underway and award a win to either team, regardless of the score or time remaining. This will be done if it is determined that either team is being unduly disruptive to the orderly course of the game.

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

The Allegheny County Parks system is proud to offer dek hockey facilities in the parks. Please treat the facilities, equipment, team and other league members with respect. Under no circumstances will destructive, disruptive, or abusive behavior be tolerated.

Comments or suggestions can be made by calling the park office where the rink is located. All parks offices are open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Allegheny County Parks Department Recreation Office: 412-350-INFO (4636) Option 2**