

PLAYING AREA

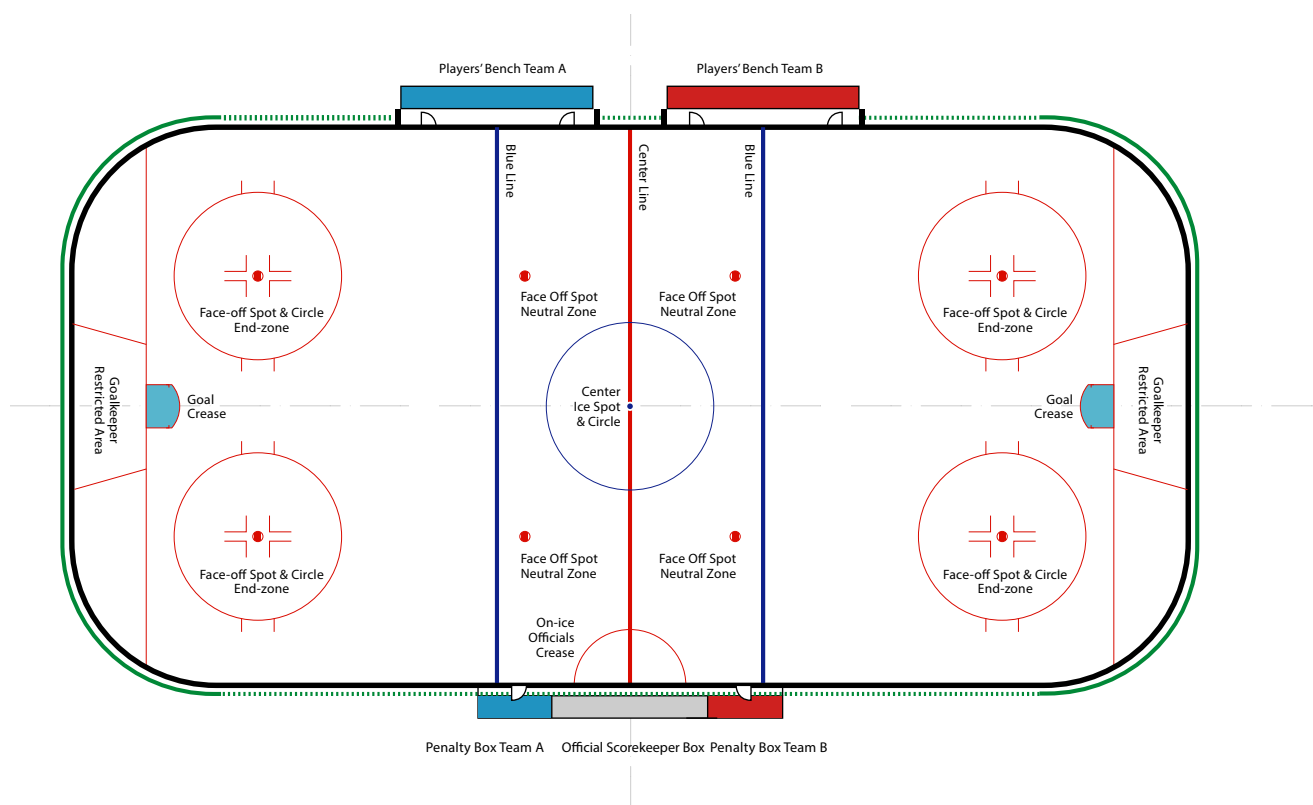
RULE 1 RINK

1.1. RINK

Games under jurisdiction of the IIHF shall be played on an ice surface known as the “Rink” and must adhere to the dimensions and specifications prescribed by the IIHF and these rules.

No ice markings shall be permitted except those provided for under these rules unless express written permission has been obtained from the IIHF. On-ice logos must not interfere with any official ice markings provided for the proper playing of the game.

In the interval between periods, the ice surface shall be flooded unless mutually agreed to the contrary.



1.2. DIMENSIONS

The official size of the Rink shall be 60 m long and 26 m to 30 m wide. The corners shall be rounded in the arc of a circle with a radius of 7.0 m to 8.50 m. Any deviations from these dimensions for any IIHF competition require IIHF approval.

→ For more information refer to Appendix VI – Infographics.

1.3. BOARDS AND PROTECTIVE GLASS

The Rink shall be surrounded by a wall known as the “Boards”. The ideal height of the boards above the ice surface shall be 1.07 m. Except for the official markings provided for in these rules, the entire playing surface and the Boards shall be white in color except the “Kick Plate” at the bottom of the Boards, which shall be light yellow in color. Any variations from any of the foregoing dimensions shall require official authorization by the IIHF.

The Boards shall be constructed in such a manner that the surface facing the ice shall be smooth and free of any obstruction or any object that could cause injury to Players. Affixed to the Boards and extending vertically shall be an approved “Protective Glass” construction which allow the sections to be flexible. The height above the Boards behind the Goals must be 2.4 m and must extend

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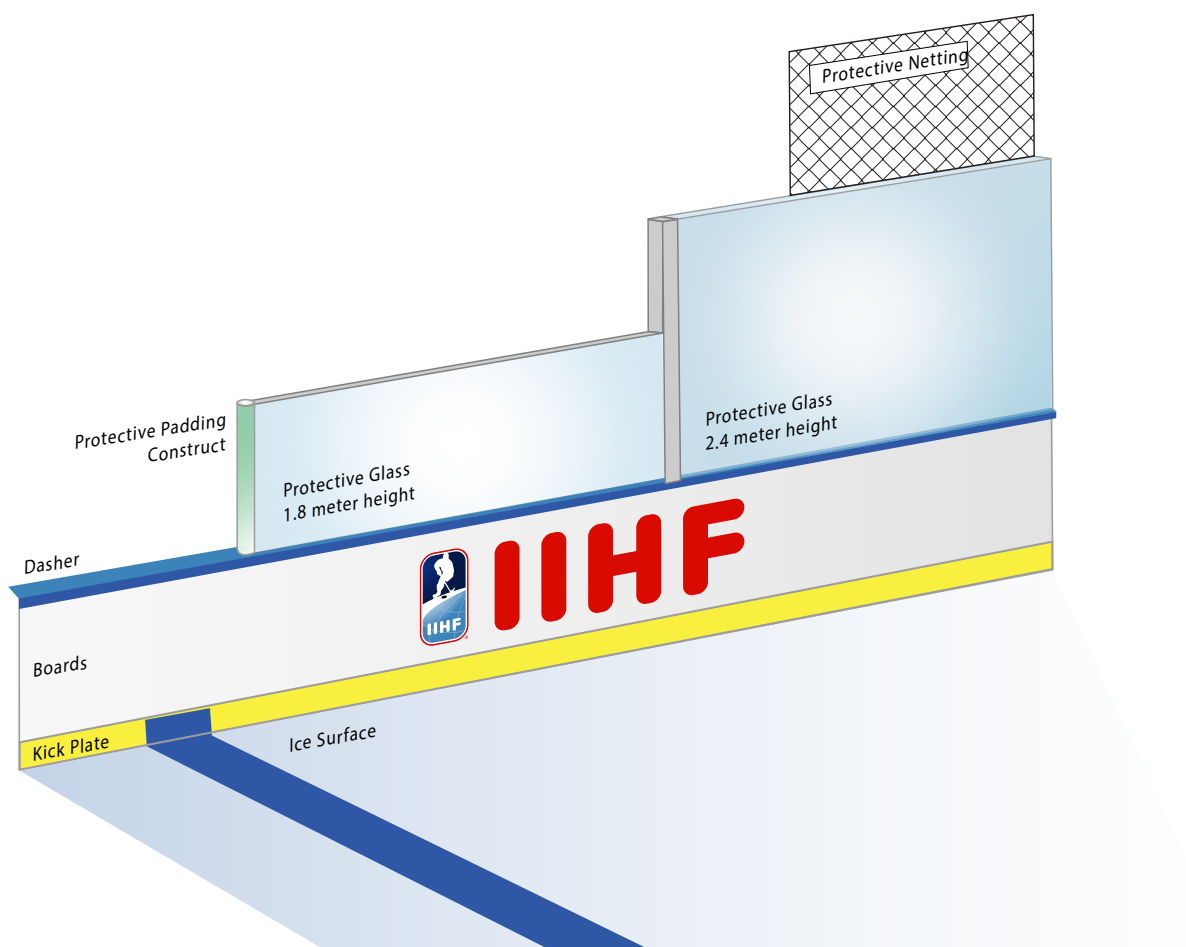
at least 4.0 m from the "Goal Line" towards the Blue Line. The height above the Boards along the sides must be 1.8 m, except in front of the Players' Benches.

Protective Glass shall be required in front of the Penalty Boxes.

The Protective Glass and gear to hold them in position shall be properly padded or protected and mounted on the Boards on the side away from the playing surface including the "Protective Netting" outlined in:

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1.4. PROTECTIVE NETTING

Protective Netting shall be hung in the ends of the Arena, of a height, type, and in a manner approved by the IIHF.

The Protective Netting must be suspended above the "End-zone" Protective Glass behind both Goals and must extend around the Rink at least to where the Goal Line meets the Boards.

The Protective Netting is to be installed in such a way that it protects the top bench row viewer. Thus, the height of the Protective Netting is determined by the height of the Rink and the settings of the top row of benches.

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1.5. LINES

Goal Lines:

A red line, 5 cm wide, shall be drawn across the entire width of the ice surface, 4.0 m from each end of the ice surface and continued vertically along the side of the Boards. This line shall be referred to as the "Goal Line". The Goal posts and nets shall be set in such a manner as to remain stationary during the process of the game.

Goal Crease:

In front of each Goal, an area shall be marked by a red line 5 cm wide, named as the "Goal Crease".

Blue Lines:

The ice surface between the Goals shall be divided into three (3) zones by lines, 30 cm in width, and blue in color, and extended completely across the Rink, parallel with the Goal Lines, and continued vertically up the side of the Boards, named as the "Blue Lines". In case advertising is allowed on the Boards, the lines must be marked at least on the Kick Plate.

Center Line:

Another line, 30 cm in width and red in color, drawn completely across the Rink on center ice, parallel with the Goal Lines and continued vertically up the side of the Boards, named as the "Center Line". In case advertising is allowed on the Boards, the lines must be marked at least on the Kick Plate.

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1.6. DIVISION OF ICE SURFACE

Defending Zone:

The portion of the ice surface in which the Goal is situated shall be called the "Defending Zone" of the Team defending that goal.

Neutral Zone:

The central portion shall be known as the "Neutral Zone".

Attacking Zone:

The portion farthest from the defended Goal shall be the "Attacking Zone".

