

Butler County Parks & Recreation

Dek Hockey

Managed and operated by Butler County Parks & Recreation

184 Alameda Park Rd. Butler, PA 16001

Dek Hockey Rink is located at 468 S. Duffy Rd. Butler, PA 16001

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BASIC IN-HOUSE RULES

- Foul Language (Swearing) will not be tolerated at any time, any level, for any reason if it's directed at players, refs, fans or coach! There are kids that accompany parents to watch the games, and honestly, there is no need for it. A (1) minute unsportsmanlike penalty will be given out – all the time. No exceptions! If the swearing continues, a 2nd (1) minute unsportsmanlike penalty will be given followed by a game misconduct (ejection) then a suspension. Thanks for understanding.
- The policy for slamming sticks on any surface (i.e. on surface, boards, nets, glass, fence, etc. or anywhere else) is as follows. Any player who slams a stick on any surface will be assessed a (1) minute unsportsmanlike penalty. If any surface is damaged, the player will be responsible for paying for the replacement. NOTE: Said player will not play another game until the cost of the repair is paid.

REFEREES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE THIS CLOSELY

- **Fighting (1 punch)** – Fighting is not permitted at any time on County of Butler managed property and yes (1) punch is considered fighting. There will be zero tolerance on this matter. Player(s) fighting will receive a major penalty, game misconduct and up to a 1-year suspension.
(Those protecting themselves from fighting will be disciplined on a case-by-case matter thru the Park Director, after reviewing it with the Referees.)
- **Verbal Abuse of Officials/Supervisors:** The excessive verbal abuse of an official by any player, coach or spectator will result in a bench minor. A 2nd offense during that game will result in (a) the ejection from the game in the case of a player, or (b) the ejection from the playing rink area in the case of a coach or spectator; the game will be stopped until the offending person(s) leaves the area, and if that person (2) refuses to leave the area within a reasonable amount of time, the game shall be a forfeit.
- **High stick** – A player cannot raise stick above shoulders when playing the ball or calling for a pass. This is a (1) minute penalty.
- **LOB rule** – The LOB rule as it exists in the "Official Street Hockey" rulebook, shall be eliminated from our rules.
- **Starting time of game** – Our games are scheduled on the hour. At 5 minutes past start time, delay of game penalty will be given. At 10 minutes past start time, at 2nd delay of game will be given. At 15 minutes past the start of the game, it is a forfeit. We will not run the clock for any of the periods.
- **Checking** – Major penalties + roughing/intentional stick related incident is at least, an automatic 1 game suspension or more. This will be determined after review by the Head of Officiating.
- **Drugs/Alcohol** – Any players or team who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the game and face suspension. Anyone caught drinking or using drugs on the property will face suspension. Teams are asked to assist County of Butler by advising fans of this policy. There is a No Refund policy on any players and/or teams facing suspension.
- **Stopping/Cancelling Game in progress** – Referees have the authority to halt play at any time once the game is underway and award a win to either team regardless of the score. This will be done if it is determined that either team is being disruptive to the orderly course of the game.
- **No smoking/chewing tobacco** – Use of tobacco products is prohibited within Butler County Park system, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers. No alcohol or alcoholic beverages are permitted within the Butler County Park system.
- **Bench Area** – Only Players and Coaches are permitted in this area at any time. During a game, only players and coaches of the teams playing are permitted in the bench during this time.

Basic Rules

1. There will be three, 10 minute, stop clock periods.
2. If the game is tied after regulation, an overtime period with a 5-minute running clock will be played. If still tied then a 3 round shootout will take place. If still tied after three rounds, each team will go an additional round until we have a winner. Players can only shoot once; a player cannot shoot a second time until all shooters on his/her team have taken an attempt. Shootouts will not take place during the playoffs. Playoff games will be decided in Sudden Death Overtime Periods until a team scores.
4. Each team receives 1 timeout per game. They will be awarded an additional timeout if a game heads into overtime.

Equipment Requirements

All players under the age of 18 are required to wear:

1. Head protection (hockey helmet, with chin strap)Hecc Approved
2. Face protection (full face cage or full face shield)
3. Mouth guard (in mouth) and attached to helmet
4. Elbow pads
5. Hand protection (hockey gloves)
6. Knee and shin protection
7. Jock strap and protective cup (male)

All players 18 years and older Are strongly suggested to wear:

1. Head protection (hockey helmet, with chinstrap)
2. Elbow pads
3. Hand protection (hockey gloves) *REQUIRED*
4. Knee and shin protection *REQUIRED*

****Full cage or shield is strongly recommended.

- A player, excluding the goalie, whose helmet or face mask falls off during play must go immediately to his/her bench and may not resume play until his/her helmet or mask has been properly refitted or the player must retrieve the helmet immediately or suffer a minor penalty.
- If a goalkeeper's helmet, facemask, glove or blocker falls off during play the referee shall stop play immediately. A minor penalty shall be given to a goalkeeper who deliberately removes his/her helmet, facemask, blocker or glove during play.

General Rink Rules

1. Fair play and sportsmanship is a must.
 2. Fighting will not be tolerated.
 3. No profanity will be tolerated.
 - a. First Offense-Warning.
 - b. Second Offense-Removal from game this could result in a suspension for a player or coach
 4. Each person is responsible for their own belongings and valuables.
 5. There is a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for players, coaches and spectators. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner toward other players, officials, spectators, and Butler County staff. Players, coaches and spectators who fail to abide by this policy will be asked to leave the facility.
- If, in the judgment of the game Referee, the game is out of control by actions of the players, coaches, spectators or others, the Referees shall halt the game and call a forfeiture or game suspension based on the actors.
 - Any player or Coach who enters the DEK to argue a judgment call will be immediately ejected from the game. Anyone who comes in physical contact with a Referee while arguing or questioning a call will be expelled from the league.
 - Any play or Coach ejected from a game must immediately leave the DEK or a forfeit will be declared. (Will have to sit out next game)
 - Any player ejected from the game will remain on the bench until the game has ended or released to a parent or guardian.

Coaches

- A. To be considered to be a coach all coaches must be able to obtain all of the required clearances to coach.
- B. Must have their coaching ID on during practice times and games.
- C. Coaches must read and sign the Coaches code of conduct.
- D. Coaches are responsible for the equipment issued to them and their team.
- E. Coaches should present themselves in a neat an orderly fashion. Remember fair play and sportsmanship is our highest priority.

- F. Each Coach will be responsible for controlling the fans of his/her team. Any adverse situation caused by the fans could result in the halting of the game, a delay of game penalty called, and possible forfeit by the team of those fans.
- G. The team box area is the responsibility of the teams using them. It is also their obligation to leave the playing area as well as the team box clean and litter free.
- H. Food is not permitted on the DEK or in the team box. Only drinks will be permitted.

Sportsmanship

- A. Coaches must refrain from confrontation with other coaches, officials, and league coordinators in front of parents and players.
- B. **Coaches are to encourage their players to show good sportsmanship at all times.**
- C. Players and coaches will shake hands with the opposing team and coach at the end of the game.

Unsportsman Like Conduct

- A. Unsportsman like conduct by any person involved in a game, Coach or player will not be tolerated. Vulgarity, violence or the throwing of any equipment in anger by any player weather on the Dek or in the team box is grounds for immediate ejection from the game. If this occurs after the game the player will be assessed a 5 minute misconduct to start the next game.

Official/Miscellaneous

- A. Officials make judgment calls! Please keep this in mind.
- B. All official calls are finale.
- C. Every child shall be given a fair amount of playing time. Remember we are here for fun. Winning is a secondary priority. Everyone pays the same fee. Every player shall play at least once per period or a forfeit will be declared.
- D. Youth Players will be given 1 shirt per season. (All player must wear league issued shirts.)
- E. All sticks must have an end on them. A player will not be permitted to play with a sick that does not have an end on it.
- F. Dek hockey is a running game played similar to ice hockey. Running, stick handling, passing and shooting are the basic qualities, which provide an exciting and fast game. Games are played on an all weather surface.
- G. The league coordinator reserves the right to modify, or make changes to the league schedule, rules, policy & procedures, Ect. The league coordinator has the responsibility of informing the teams of any and all of the changes made.
- H. Program Manager - Tim Calvert Tcalvert@co.butler.pa.us 724-431-4168.

Penalties

1. Minor penalties are 1 minute long.
2. Major Penalties are 2.5 minutes long. All major penalties are subject to a review and a possible suspension. All major penalties also result in a game misconduct. The player must leave the dek immediately.
3. Any player receiving their 4th minor penalty of the game will also be given a game misconduct.
4. Any intent to injure another player, whether the player gets injured or not, will be subject to a review and a possible suspension.
5. Any player who leaves the bench during an altercation will be subject to a review and a possible suspension.
6. Players are allowed to close their hand on the ball, but can't take a step with it.
8. Off-sides will be called; the center ice line is considered the off-sides line. Touchup off-sides are allowed.
9. Icing will be called, once the ball passes the goal line, the whistle will blow.
10. Suspensions. The length of a suspension can be anywhere from 1 game to a lifetime suspension.
11. Any player who is suspended may appeal his/her suspension within 7 days by contacting Program Manager at Butler County Parks and Recreation.
12. Physical or verbal abuse of an official will result in a review/suspension
13. If a team does not show up for a game and doesn't notify in advance, the team may be removed from the league and no league fees will be returned.

Playoffs

1. Playoff seeding is determined by total team points.
2. If 2 teams have the same amount of points, the tiebreaker will be head to head points
3. The 2nd tiebreaker is total goals scored in the head to head matchups
4. The 3rd tiebreaker is total regulation wins
5. The 4th tiebreaker is total goals scored in the season
6. The 5th tiebreaker is a coin toss

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7. If 3 or more teams have the same amount of points, the tiebreaker goes straight to total regulation wins
8. The 2nd tiebreaker is total goals scored in the season
9. The 3rd tiebreaker is a coin toss
10. All playoff series are one game elimination
11. Playoff brackets will be determined by the number of teams in each league. In some instances, the #1 and/or #2 seeds will receive a first round bye. In a 9, 10, 11 team league, the last place teams will miss the playoffs, the top 8 will advance.
12. Only roster players who have participated in at least 3 regular season games are eligible to play in the playoffs. Exceptions may be made for goaltenders and injured players, but must be approved first by the Program Coordinator.
13. There are no shootouts in the playoffs. All ties will be decided in sudden death 10-minute periods.