

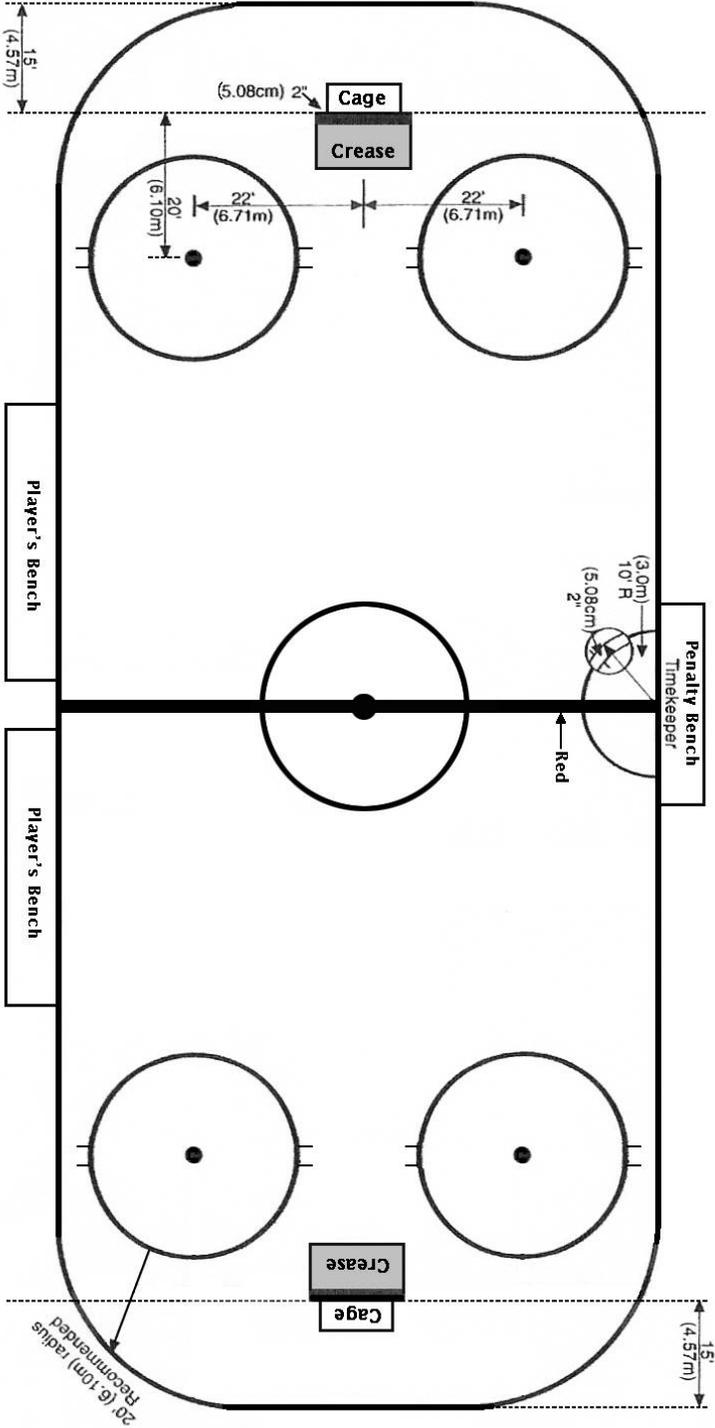
## **PART III - RULES OF THE GAME**

### **SECTION I**

#### **RULE ONE - RINK**

- (a) Roller in-line hockey shall be played on wood, asphalt, cement or sport tiled floors or any appropriate surface approved by the CIRILH.
- (b) The rink shall be marked according to the diagram included with these rules taking into consideration the exact dimensions indicated herein. No playing surface blue line zone markings are needed, because in roller inline hockey the entire floor is in play for either team, without threat of face-offs for off-side incursions. However, a center red line should be marked on the floor to distinguish the defensive zone and the attacking zone.

# Diagram of Roller In-Line Hockey Playing Area



- (c) Dimensions of the rink surface may vary between 20 and 30 meters in width (65 to 100 feet) and 40 and 60 meters in length (130 to 200 feet). As much as possible, an attempt should be made to maintain a width versus length of rink ratio of 1:2
- (d) The World Championship will be played on a surface as close as possible to the maximum allowed. The rink shall be surrounded by a wood or fiberglass wall (boards) that extend above the rink surface from 40 to 48 inches (101 to 122 cm), with the ideal height being 42 inches or 106.7 cm. The barrier shall have rounded corners of a radius of approximately 20 feet (6 meters) to facilitate keeping the puck in play.
- (e) It is recognized that rinks of the size used at World Championships may not be available for all games within the jurisdiction of a National Federation, therefore, in such instances, variations in the marking of goal lines and face-off circles are authorized, which should be proportionate to the overall size of the playing surface. If such a rink will be used as venue for an international competition, in fairness to the participants, its dimensions must be included with the information sent out to invited national federations.

## **RULE TWO - GOAL CAGES**

- (a) The goal cage consists of an iron pipe cage with a rectangular face opening with inside dimension height of 105 cm (41") and inside width of 170 cm (67") as shown in the inset diagram.
- (b) The front or facing frame must be made with iron galvanized pipe of 3-inch or 7.6 cm diameter. The top and base supports and the back brace shall consist of iron pipe 2-inches or 5 cm diameter. The bottom or supporting base of the goal cage shall extend in depth to 43 inches or 109 cm outside dimensions from the face of cage to the center of the back arc. The top supporting frame shall be 29 inches or 74 cm in outside depth dimensions. A two inch (5 cm) supporting brace at the back center of the cage shall connect the top and bottom frames. The top, posts and internal face of the goal cage must be covered with very resistant netting, which has yarn dense enough to resist the strongest shots, and closely woven so as not to permit through passage of the puck. Metallic netting will not be allowed.
- (c) A drop net must be suspended from the near inside top of the cage with a depth of 45 cms measured from the top cross bar of the goal. This cotton netting, thinner than the outside (external) one, has a maximum width of 180 cms and height of 110 cms, must be suspended inside the cage to prevent the puck rebounding from the inside of the goal. This net must be white in color and should be attached at the top only, allowing it to hang freely to the ground parallel to the posts of the cage. The posts and front bar must be painted in a fluorescent red or orange color while all other framing parts should be painted in white. It is required that the bottom rail of the goal cage and the back center brace be padded to resist having the puck bounce back out of the cage after a hard shot. If regular FIRS ball hockey goal cages are being used, the "kick" ramp across the bottom of the cage must be removed.
- (d) The goal cages are placed opposite at each end of the rink with the openings facing each other. The distance from the goal line to the extreme end of the rink is 15 feet or 4.5 meters.

## **RULE THREE - GOAL CREASE**

- (a) In front of each goal, a "Goal Crease" area shall be marked by a red line 7.6 cm (3inches) wide. (See Rule 51 (a)).
- (b) This line shall extend at a right angle from a point on the goal line, 30 cm (1 foot) from the outside of each goal post for a distance of 1.2m (4 feet). A line parallel to the goal line shall join the ends of these two lines. It shall be understood that the area covered by the goal crease on the floor shall extend to all the space above the crease.

## **RULE FOUR - FACE-OFF SPOTS**

- (a) One face-off spot, nine inches in diameter (22.5 cm) shall be placed at the exact center of the floor, surrounded by a 15 feet radius circle (4.6 meters). (The game will be started with a Face-Off from this spot, as will the beginning of the second half of the game, after each scored goal and before sudden death play-offs.)
- (b) In each end zone, two 9 inch face off spots will be placed, located 20 feet (6 meters) out from each goal line and 22 feet (6.7 meters) from the exact center of the rink's width, along an imaginary line parallel to the goal line. This would make the spots 44 feet (13.4 meters) apart from each other. A fifteen feet (4.6 meters) radius circle shall be drawn around each spot.
- (c) The rink will be marked with a total of five (5) face-off positions.