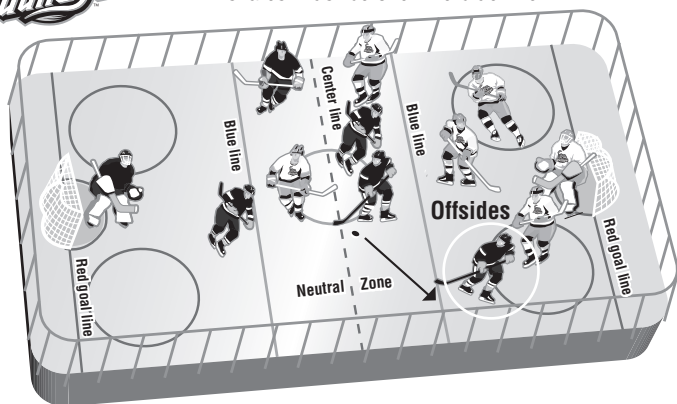


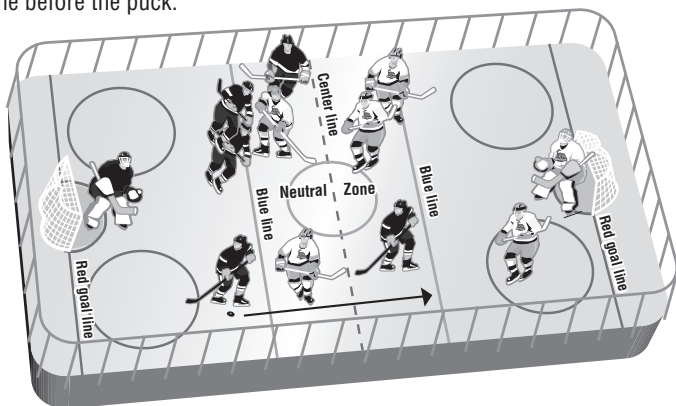
# Basic rules



**1. Offsides:** A team is offsides when a member of the team advancing the puck precedes the puck over the defending team's blue line. The player's skates, not his stick, determines offsides. Both skates must be over the blue line.



**2. Offside Pass:** When a member of the attacking team passes the puck from behind his own blue line to a teammate across the center red line. An attacking player may pass the puck over the center red line and the blue line to a teammate, as long as the player does not cross the opposing team's blue line before the puck.



**3. Icing the puck:** It is an infraction when a player on his team's side of the red center line shoots the puck all the way down the ice, it crosses the red goal line at any point other than the goal itself and is first touched by a defending player. When this happens, play is stopped and the puck is returned to the other end of the ice for a face-off in the offending team's zone. It is not icing: if the goalie plays the puck by leaving the net; if the puck goes across a part of the goal crease; or when a defending opponent, in the judgment of the linesman, could have played the puck; when an opposing player, onside (in the same zone) when the puck was shot down the ice, manages to touch it first. Icing the puck is not permitted when both teams are at equal strength, it is allowed when a team is playing short-handed.

