

What is Floorball...?

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Floorball is an exciting, fast-paced hockey evolution focussed on highly skilled play. Advanced stick designs enable players to develop unbelievable stick handling, ball control and shooting skills. The rules of the game are highly refined to limit injury and promote a high scoring, entertaining style of game. Why play Floorball? It's great exercise, extremely safe, low-cost, easy to learn, great for training ice hockey skills and best of all anyone can play!

Here are some basics to get you started:

The Players and Goalie:

Floorball players do not wear protective equipment; only a t-shirt and athletic shoes are required. Floorball goaltenders do not use sticks and play on their knees, blocking shots with their hands and body. Each team has five players and a goalie on the court at a time.

The Goals:

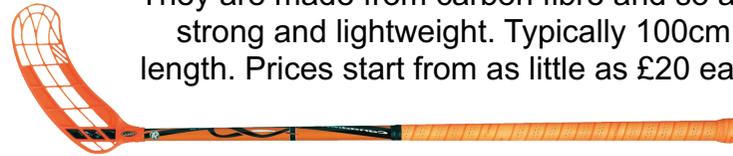
Floorball goals are 160cm x 115cm. The goalkeeper area is 2.5m x 1m. The goal area is 5m x 4m.

Game Length:

The official game length is three 20 minute periods, but a game of Floorball can be played virtually anywhere at anytime by varying the length of the periods and the number of players on the court at a time.

The Stick:

Floorball sticks are engineered for superior stick handling, ball control and shooting. They are made from carbon fibre and so are strong and lightweight. Typically 100cm in length. Prices start from as little as £20 each



The Ball:

The official ball is 7.2cm in diameter, weighs 23g and is made of sealed hard plastic with 26 evenly distributed holes. The new match ball has 1516 tiny dimples like a golf ball to enhance speed and control.

The Rink:

The international rink is 40m x 20m. Rink sizes can vary as long as the length is two times the width.

Did you know...?

Floorball is played by over 2.5 million people in more than 30 Floorball-loving countries around the world

Floorball is one step away from the Summer Olympics! Hopefully Floorball will be officially recognized in time for the 2020 competition.

Floorball is more popular than ice hockey in Sweden and Finland, two of the world's hockey superpowers.

Floorball has become mainstream in countries where no traditional ice hockey is played, like Pakistan, Australia and Singapore!

The sport is so new that the first world cup tournament was only played in 1996.

The 2006 Men's Floorball World Championships was broadcast on television to 53 countries in 19 languages.

Floorball is known as 'Innebandy' in Sweden, 'Salibandy' in Finland and 'Unihockey' in German speaking countries and in Western Canada.

Professional Floorball leagues exist in Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and in the Czech Republic.

Many European-born hockey players and NHL stars play Floorball to enhance their skills.

The world's fastest Floorball shot is an unbelievable 188 kph or 118mph!

