

All About Ice Hockey

Read about ice hockey and then answer the questions below.

Ice hockey is a game that is played in three periods. Each period is 20 minutes long. Not many goals are scored in ice hockey. The team with the most goals wins. Hockey is played on an ice rink surrounded by walls. This helps to keep the puck and the players in the ice rink. People play hockey for fun and there are also people who play hockey as their jobs.

There are six players that play on each team at a time. There are three forwards, two defensemen and a goalkeeper or goalie. The forwards are the players that score most of the time. The defensemen try to keep the puck from getting to the goal. The goalkeeper tries to stop the puck when it is hit toward the goal. The forwards and the defensemen only play for about two minutes at a time and then they switch with someone who is sitting on the bench. This is because the game is very fast moving and they have to skate very hard, so they get tired easily.

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1. How many periods are there in a hockey game? _____

2. Why is there a wall around the ice rink? _____

3. How many hockey players are on the ice for each team? _____

4. Which positions only play for about two minutes at a time and why? _____
