



**Not only is hockey an exciting game to watch, but it's also fun to learn about! Knowing some interesting facts can make the game that much better to see!!**

**Did you know?...**



**The hockey puck is made of vulcanized rubber and frozen before it enters into the games so that it won't bounce!! Weighing in at 6 ounces, it is 3 inches in diameter and 1 inch thick. The puck has been known to travel anywhere from 90-100MPH! That's Fast!!**

**Each player's hockey stick is unique to them! All of the hockey sticks have to be shorter than 58 inches, but every player has a favorite stick!**

**Hockey players love to skate fast... really fast! That is why the ice in a hockey rink is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch thick (that's thinner than the hockey puck!). It is also kept around 17 degrees Fahrenheit. That means the ice is harder and faster, and that makes for a good hockey game!**



**In speaking of ice, the hockey rink uses a lot of it! The rink is 200 feet long and 85 feet wide. So a normal hockey rink uses about 153,000 cubic feet of ice every game. Brr!!**



## **Now... let's play hockey!!**

**Each team has six players on ice at the same time: one goalie, two defensemen, and three forwards (left wing, right wing, and center). Most of the players who score goals are the forwards, but defensemen and goalies can score goals too!**

**The object of each hockey game is to have the most goals at the end of the final period. There are 3 periods that are 15 minutes long a piece!**