

KP Rules

I. TO START THE GAME:

- A. Each team will line up at their goal facing the middle of the field. The ball will be thrown into the center of the field. All paddlers attempt to gain first possession of the ball.

II. SCORING:

- A. A goal is scored when the ball goes into the hole of the opposing team's inner-tube.
- B. A goal may be scored using either hands or paddles.
- C. To resume play after a goal is scored, the team that scored the goal must clear out of their opponent's half of the field. The team that gave up the goal will put the ball back in play once the other team has cleared out adequately.

III. POSSESSION

- A. Five seconds, and then dribble or pass. Dribbles or passes may be performed with hands or paddle.
- B. Cannot paddle with ball in lap

IV. IT IS OKAY TO TACKLE WHEN:

- A. Opponent has possession of the ball
- B. Two opposing players are making a play for the ball within a boat's length of the ball

V. A LEGAL TACKLE CONSISTS OF:

- A. Ramming an opponents boat (without breaching onto legs, feet or lap)
- B. Pushing on an opponent's life-jacket with an open hand
- C. Pushing an opponent's boat with your hand
- D. Pulling an opponent's thigh-strap

VI. AN ILLEGAL TACKLE CONSISTS OF:

- A. Grabbing an opponent's life jacket, helmet or paddle.
- B. Grabbing any part of your opponent's body
- C. Pushing on any part of your opponent's body that is not covered with life-jacket
- D. Grabbing or holding the grab-loops on the ends your opponent's boat
- E. Breaching your boat into the cock-pit of your opponent's boat (lap, knees, feet).

VII. PADDLE RULES:

- A. Absolutely no "sword-fighting" or "paddle-clacking" to get possession of the ball.
- B. Do not push off another boat with your paddle.
- C. Do not use your paddle to try and gain possession of the ball if someone is grabbing for the ball with their hands.
- D. Do not reach across an opponent's boat with your paddle to try and gain possession of the ball.
- E. It is okay to block passes with your paddle.
- F. It is okay to move the ball with your paddle.