

**hockey**['hɒki] *n*

хоккей

field hockey - хоккей на траве

ice /Canadian/ hockey - хоккей с шайбой

ice hockey with the ball - хоккей с мячом

hockey championship - первенство по хоккею; чемпионат по хоккею

hockey player - хоккеист

hockey team - хоккейная команда

**hockey****hockey** *BrE* ['hɒki] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['hɑːkɪ] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

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1. (*BrE*) (*NAmE* **'field hockey**) a game played on a field by two teams of 11 players, with curved sticks and a small hard ball. Teams try to hit the ball into the other team's goal

- to play hockey
- a **hockey stick/player/team**

2. (*NAmE*) (*BrE* **'ice hockey**) a game played on ice, in which players use long sticks to hit a hard rubber disc (called a **puck**) into the other team's goal

See also: **↑field hockey** ▪ **↑ice hockey**

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: of unknown origin.

Culture:**hockey** [**hockey**]

In Britain **hockey** refers to **field hockey**. Hockey played on ice is called **ice hockey**. In the US ice hockey is much more common and is called simply **hockey**. Both sports are played by both men and women.

In field hockey there are 11 players in each team, five **forwards**, three **halfbacks**, two **fullbacks** and a **goalkeeper**. A **hockey pitch** (*AmE* **hockey field**) is 100 yards/91 metres long and between 55 and 60 yards/50 and 55 metres wide. There is a **goal** at each end. The aim of the game is to hit a small white ball into the other team's goal with wooden **hockey sticks**. A goal is worth one point. Each game has two halves of 35 minutes. A game begins with a **pass-back**: a forward hits the ball but it is not allowed to cross the centre line until another player from either team has also hit it. There is also an **indoor** game of hockey played with six in each team.

The modern game developed in England in the mid 19th century, and the first hockey club was formed in 1849. English clubs are now organized into three divisions. Each year, the winners of the league competition qualify for the European Club Championship. The Scottish Hockey Union runs leagues in Scotland. The sport is not shown on television as much as **↑cricket**, **Rugby** or **↑football** and most people could not name any famous hockey players. Hockey is a game traditionally played at girls' schools. In Britain ice hockey attracts relatively little interest.

An English teacher visiting **Harvard** introduced the sport to the US in 1901. At first it was played only by women, and the first men's game was not until 1928. In the US the game is controlled by the USA Field Hockey Association. It is less popular than in Britain.

By contrast, ice hockey, first played in Canada, has long been popular in the US. It is a fast and exciting sport. Each team has six players, a **centre**, two **forwards** and two **wingers**, all of whom try to score, and a **goalkeeper**. Players wear **skates**, and have **helmets**, **gloves** and **pads** for protection. They use long wooden **sticks** to hit the **puck**, a small, hard rubber disc, into the opponent's goal. If they succeed they score one point. The area of the **rink** is up to 67 yards/61 metres long and 33 yards/30 metres wide, and is divided into an attacking zone, a neutral zone and a defending zone.

A game has three 20-minute **periods**. Play begins with a **face-off** when the **referee** drops the **puck** between two opposing players. **Defenders** try to prevent the opposing team from scoring and can **check** (= **crash into**) another player with their bodies. Professional players often have fights on the ice, and the game has been criticized for being too violent. A player who commits an illegal action goes to the **penalty box**, informally called the **sin bin**, for a period of between 2 and 10 minutes and the team must continue without him or her.

The US **National Hockey League** has 30 teams, six of which are Canadian. The best teams in the **Eastern Conference** and the **Western Conference** play to decide which two will be in the **↑Stanley Cup**. The Hart Memorial Trophy is given to the best player, and Wayne Gretzky, thought by many to be the greatest ice hockey player ever, won it eight times in the period 1980–7 and in 1989. Among the most successful teams have been the New York Islanders and the Detroit Red Wings. In the northern states college and university teams compete in three **↑NCAA** divisions.

Example Bank:

- He plays in the college hockey team.
- She plays hockey in the winter.
- the Olympic hockey squad

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**hockey** /'hɒki \$ 'hɑːki *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from Old French hoquet 'curved stick used by shepherds', from hoc 'hook']

1. *British English* a game played on grass by two teams of 11 players, with sticks and a ball **SYN field hockey** *American English*
- 2.



*American English* a game similar to hockey, but played on ice **SYN ice hockey** *British English*

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