



How is Floorball Played?

Floorball is played in match form between two teams consisting of five field players and a goalkeeper. Each team can make unlimited substitutions from a squad of up to 20 players. Each team is allowed a maximum of 5 staff on the bench.

The idea of the game is to score more goals than the opposing team within the limits of the rules.

How long is a game?

The game time can vary depending on the age of the players. From the age of sixteen the game time is 3 x 20 minutes.

During tournaments other game times can be used, however no game should be less than 2 x 15 minutes.

Who controls the game?

Each match should be led and controlled by two referees with equal responsibility, co-operating to ensure that the game runs smoothly. Floorball is one of today's fastest games and therefore demands well-trained and educated referees. Their main objective is to interpret the rulebook in the correct manner and put it to practice.

Andrew Clough, the GBFF Referees Director, runs a training session on a yearly basis for new referees, and a refresher course for qualified referees to make sure that they are kept abreast of changes to the rules as they occur. Andrew is a member of the IFF Refereeing Committee.

All teams wishing to take part in league events are expected to send three referees to the relevant training course, and to provide two referees for officiating in each tournament as required.

The referees will also be assisted by two scribes who are responsible for the match records, timekeeping and in some locations, speaker tasks.