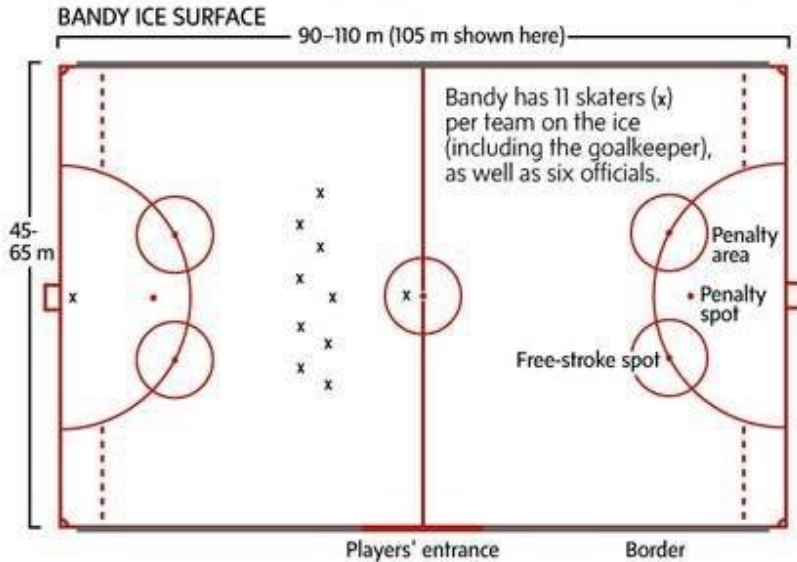
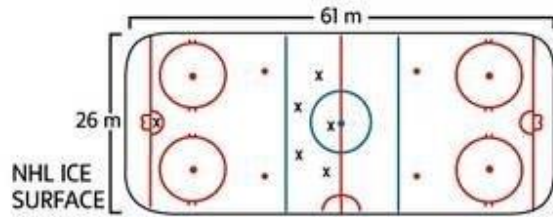


BANDY EXPLAINED

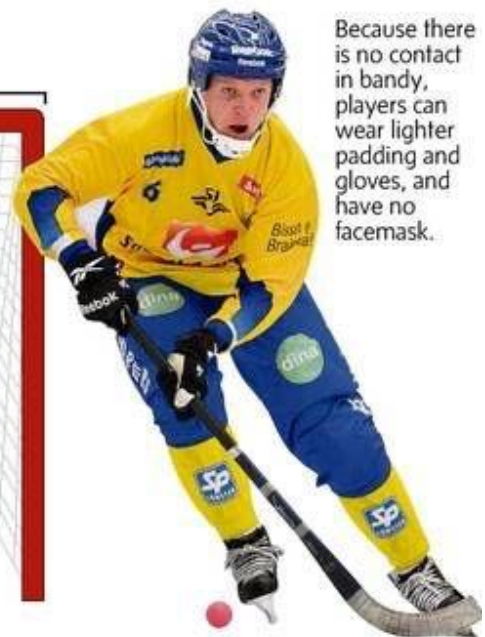
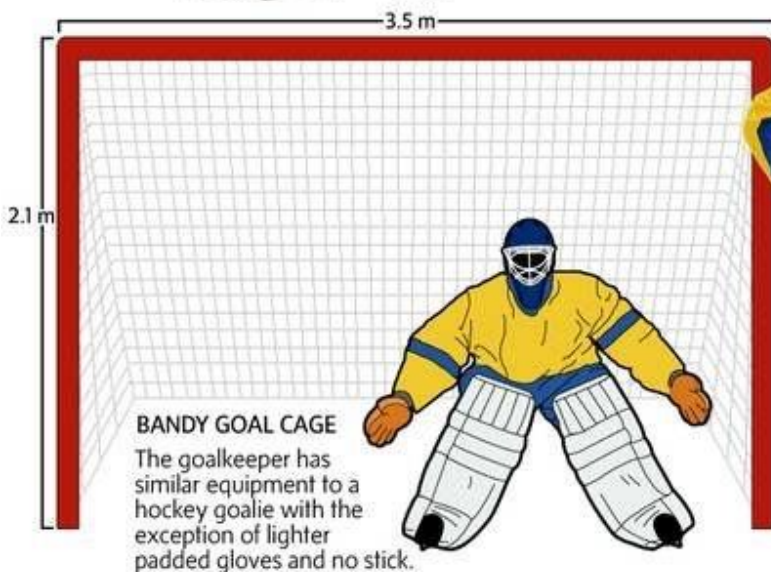
The European sport of bandy has been described as a cross between hockey (ice and equipment), soccer (game rules and 45-minute halves) and field hockey (sticks and ball). The world championships wrap up this weekend in Sweden, and Canada placed second in the B division, losing 4-2 to the U.S. in the final. The sport dates to the late 1800s, and bandy enthusiasts would like it to become an Olympic event.



BANDY EQUIPMENT

The bandy ball diameter should be 63 mm and it should weigh at least 60 g.

The curved bandy stick is similar to a field hockey stick, and is roughly four feet long.



Because there is no contact in bandy, players can wear lighter padding and gloves, and have no facemask.