

Outdoor Sports Activities By-Laws Comparison Table

Municipalities prohibiting Sports Activities on Road	Relevant By-law Sections
Oakville	<p>Prohibited by Traffic By-law 1984-1 which states: “Games or Sports 2(c) No person shall play or take part in any game or sport upon a highway.” Prohibited by by-law 2009-072 which states: “1. No person shall, unless otherwise authorized by by-law or a permit issued by the Town in accordance with the Use of Municipal Right of Ways and Municipal Parking Lots Policy as may be amended or replaced: (a) place equipment or materials of any kind upon or within a municipal right of way; (c) undertake any activity that negatively impacts the use and function of a municipal right of way. (f) encumber or damage a municipal right of way by any means; (t) congregate, sit or stand so as to obstruct the free passage of either pedestrian or vehicular traffic on any walkway or roadway regulated by this by-law”</p>
Milton	<p>Prohibited by by-law 1984-1, Section 4, which states: “Games or Sports 2(c) No person shall play or take part in any game or sport upon a highway” Prohibited by by-law 035-2020 which states: “No person may, without a Permit, undertake a Road Occupancy, or do, allow, permit or cause to be done any of the following: (c) obstruct or otherwise interfere with public travel or use of a Town Road Allowance; “</p>
Burlington	<p>Prohibited by by-law 86-2007, which states: “Games or Sports 6(c) No person shall play or take part in any game or sport upon a highway” Prohibited by by-law 0357-2010 which states: “5.1(1) No person shall undertake any work or alter, obstruct, damage, or engage in any activities which may result in the alteration, obstruction or damage of a road without first obtaining a permit in accordance with this By-law.”</p>
Halton Hills	<p>Prohibited by by-law 2019-008 which states: “2. No person, without lawful authority, shall cause, permit, or allow: (d) the placing or depositing of sporting or recreational equipment on a highway, including but not limited to, basketball nets, hockey nets, soccer nets, skateboard ramps, and bicycle ramps;”</p>
Mississauga	<p>Prohibited by by-law 0555-2000, which states: “Games or Sports 38(2) No person shall play or take part in any game or sport upon a roadway” Prohibited by by-law 0357-2010 which states: “(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Obstruction of a Highway includes any one or more of the following: (g) the placing or depositing of sporting equipment, including but not limited to basketball nets, hockey nets, soccer nets, skateboard ramps and bicycle ramps, on a Highway”</p>

Appendix A

Municipalities permitting Sports Activities on Roads	Road Classification	Time of Day	Type of Sports Activities	Additional Restrictions
Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local road with a speed limit of 40 km/h or less. • A location that is safe and suitable. • Maximum 2 lanes of traffic for two-way streets. • Maximum 1 lane of traffic for one-way streets. • No provincial highways, parkways, arterials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight hours, not permitted between 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. • Does not occur in limited visibility from fog, snow, or rain. 	Hockey, using portable nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and nets moved for roadway users and Authorized Emergency Vehicles. • Hockey nets are removed during breaks of play and after completion of play. • 25+ meters from intersections and roundabouts. • Play and nets do not interfere with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Road maintenance/repair ○ Waste collection ○ Access to road from driveway and approach ramps ○ Installation of traffic control devices/utilities • Use of roller skates, roller blades, inline skates, skate boards, skis, coasters, scooters, toy vehicles, or similar devices on a roadway is prohibited except for crossing it.
Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local road with a speed limit of 40 km/h or less. • On the boulevard within 3 meters of the travelled portion of any road without curbs. • Do not extend to boulevard area fronting any neighboring property when common lot line is projected perpendicular to the road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight hours and prohibited between 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. 	Hockey and basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle sight lines. • Does not obstruct driveways, impose or pose a hazard to pedestrian or vehicle traffic. • Does not interfere with traffic control devices, bicycle trails, utilities, or maintenance of sidewalks. • Basketball and hockey nets must be immediately removed upon completion of play on the street. • All persons participating in, or permitting such activity, are responsible for determining what locations are safe and for playing in a safe manner and agree that they are assuming any and all liability to persons and all risks to themselves or children under their care associated with the decision to engage in this conduct and that they waive any and all claims against the City. • Any criteria considered appropriate by General Manager.
Kingston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local street in a residential neighbourhood with low traffic volume. • Speed limit is 50 km/h or less. • Participants/Parents and Guardians consider it safe to play on road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight hours with good visibility. • Prohibited between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. 	Street hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep an ongoing watch for vehicle and bicycle traffic. Clear street immediately of participants and equipment so that vehicles may pass safely. • Respect the rights of neighbours to the reasonable enjoyment of their property free from damage, inappropriate noise, or disrespectful conduct toward them or their property.
Ottawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the free flow of traffic is not impeded. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not specified • 	Ball hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person on or riding by means of any children’s wagon, toboggan or similar device shall go upon a roadway except for crossing it. They will then become a pedestrian.
Beloeil (Quebec)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local streets (no collector, artery, or boulevard). • Good visual clearance for motorists. • Low traffic density. • Possesses public lighting for evening visibility. • Pass street inspection conducted by a city representative. (may be citizen request) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. 	No parameters discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens recommend streets for validation via the traffic committee including adapted road signs. • There is a list of streets online of streets allowed for free play.

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Gatineau (Quebec)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side streets (no collectors, arterials or boulevards). • Residential streets (no commercial or industrial zones). • Streets with 40 km/h or lower speed limits. • Streets that do not run alongside a major park (linear, neighbourhood, destination or conservation). • Streets that do not run alongside a school or an institution (Centre de la Petite Enfance, CPE (Early Childhood Centre), Centre Local de Services Communautaires CLSC (Local Community Service Centre), library, hospital, etc.). • Streets that are not part of a public transit circuit. • Streets with low traffic volume. • Dead ends with speed limit of 40 km/h or less. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between 7 a.m. and 30 minutes after sunset when there is adequate lighting and visibility. • Sunset is determined by National Research Council Canada 	No parameters discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary selection of streets meeting criteria was done by the city. Citizens were also able to submit requests for public review. • There is a list of streets online of streets allowed for free play online. • People playing in street must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share the road. ○ Not obstruct bike path. ○ Remove any object obstructing the path of vehicles during play interruptions and when done playing. ○ Prudent and vigilant. • Parents are responsible for children at all times and must provide constant supervision for children under 14 when playing. • Playing is prohibited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ during snow clearing, street cleaning, construction work, traffic detours and special events on or near the street. ○ During reduced visibility, close to a curve or hill, and bad weather (storm, fog, etc.) ○ Within 3 meters of a stationary parked vehicle ○ Within 30 meters of an intersection or a local business visible from the street. • In the case of a violation, players are subject to a \$30 fine. In the case of players under 14, parents will be fined.