

# The Goalie Mask

My topic is on the creation of the goalie mask. I chose this topic because I love hockey. It is my favorite sport. Today we are learning about goalie masks. The goalie mask is a Canadian invention.

**What are the rules for a goalie in the NHL?**

One rule is if a goalie holds the puck on their stick with an opposing player going at them, they are expected to

move it. If they are under pressure, they have to pass it.

## Where and when was the goalie mask invented?

The goalie mask was invented in 1959 in Montreal, Canada.

## Who is Jacques Plante?

Jacques Plante is a Canadian hockey player who invented the goalie mask. He was born in Montreal. He played in the NHL. Jacques played 7 games with the Montreal Canadiens in playoffs. Plante was a true player who didn't mix with the other players.

**What did he accomplish in his hockey career?**

He won 7 Vesna trophies, 6 Stanley cups, and one Hart trophy. That is what he won.

**When did he play hockey?**

He played hockey in the NHL from 1953 to 1974. He was born in Montreal on Jan 17. He died in 1986 and was buried in Switzerland. He also suffered from asthma. Jacques Plante was more than just a good goalie. He was an innovator and a character.

**Why has goalie equipment changed over the years?**

Goalie equipment has evolved from a wood framed cushion to high density foams without a hard frame. It's changed because some goalies were getting hurt.

### How did he make the goalie mask?

To make the goalie mask, he molded a fiber glass mask on his face. He was not the first to wear it. However, he was the first to wear it in a game regularly.