

## Fifty West Broomball Rules

1. First and foremost, these leagues are intended to be fun, social, and recreational in nature. Accordingly, aggressive or confrontational behavior will not be tolerated. If there is a dispute, replay the point or notify a broomball coordinator. Mgmt. has the final authority on all disputes.
2. Seriously—just have a good time in our leagues

### Rules of Play

1. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHECKING!!!** Penalty: Ejection and 5-minute major penalty. Another player must serve the ejected player's 5 minute penalty and the team must play short for that time.
2. Play begins with a face-off at center ice with players in their defensive zone. A face-off at center ice also occurs after a goal is scored and at the beginning of each period. Just like in hockey, the ref indicates where the face-off will take place, ensures all players are on the correct side of the ice, and the two centers must wait for it to hit the ice before attempting to play it.
3. The ball may be passed from player to player using either your foot or a stick. A player may also use their feet to maintain control of the ball.
4. To score, the ball must be hit with the broomball stick into the goal. No goal for a ball diverted into the goal by an offensive players' foot or other body part. The entire ball must cross goal line. A shot that accidentally ricochets off of a defense or offense player and into the net is good as long as it is not an intentional redirection of the ball with your body.
5. Players may not catch the ball. They may knock it down with their hand, but if this occurs, they must be the first to play it with their broom before it touches another team member. If this rule is violated it is called a hand pass and an indirect shot is awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction.
6. **A broom may never be swung above waist height.** This will result in a minor violation—the ball being awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction for an indirect shot.
7. A ball knocked out of play will be put back in play by the opposing team at the spot nearest where the ball left the playing arena.
8. Players must play the ball, and not the body, at all times.
9. After each penalty, there will be a faceoff between the two teams to resume play.
10. A ball lodged or caught behind the net/goal is blown dead and a face-off occurs at the nearest face-off spot.

### Penalties:

1. Major Penalty—5 minutes long, team plays down a player until time is up. Goal scored by an opponent does not end penalty time
  - a. Checking

2. Minor Penalty—2 minutes long, team plays down a play until time is up or opponent scores
  - a. High sticking
  - b. Tripping, interference, or “dangerous play”

#### Roster Rules:

1. 6v6—A team consists of 6 players, you must have a minimum of 4 players for all games. There may be no more than 4 male players on the ice at any time.
2. All players on a roster must sign a waiver
3. It is considered a forfeit for your team if you have less than 4 players for a 6v6 league. You are welcome to play an “exhibition” game, but it will count as a loss in the standings unless your opponent willingly agrees to make the game official. Please notify the broomball coordinator if both parties agree to make a game official under these parameters.
4. All team names should be fun and in good spirits. Fifty West Brewing has the right to ask any team to change names should we feel it is inappropriate.
5. Players must exhibit respect and good sportsmanship towards their teammates and opposing players
6. ANY PLAYER TAKING THE COURT SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ASSUMED ALL RISK OF INJURY/DAMAGE FROM PLAYING OR WATCHING MATCHES

#### Match Rules:

1. No one other than the players and the referee should be within the walls of the rink during gameplay.
2. Matches begin on the 5 minutes after your scheduled time. Teams not present not present 5 minutes after their scheduled time is considered a forfeit. This is a hard and fast rule.
3. You must start the match once the minimum number of players are present. (5 min after scheduled time)
4. A match consists of two running clock 15 minute periods with a 5 minute half time.
5. Players are not permitted to walk on the rink while another game is taking place. If a game is running late, you may ask the team how much time they have left.
6. Fifty West Brewing’s broomball coordinators and refs have the authority to make any/all final decisions regarding anything questionable and/or not covered in this packet.
7. Players may only make substitutions when the ball is dead.

#### Goalies

1. May use a broom.
2. Can use their hands and may catch and/or freeze the ball as long as some part of their body is in the crease. If completely out of the crease and ball is frozen, an indirect shot is awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction. If the goalie elects to freeze the ball, a faceoff should take place at the closest faceoff circle. If faceoff circles are not available, award an indirect shot to the opposing team at center ice.

3. The goalie may not roll or throw the ball out of their own half of the ice without another player from either team touching the pass before the center line. If this occurs, possession of the ball will be given to the opponent at center ice for an indirect shot.
4. A goalie leaving the crease loses all goalie privileges.
5. Goalie may wear a softball or baseball glove. Street hockey goalie trappers and blockers are also allowed. **A helmet with a facemask is required** and will be provided. Goalies have first priority towards helmets with a facemask.
6. The goalie may be pulled or put back into goal at any time, as long as the officials have been notified.
7. No player, offensive or defensive, except the goalie is allowed in the crease area. A goal scored by offensive player in the crease is disallowed, unless a defensive player bumped the offensive player into the crease. A penalty shot will be awarded to the last offensive player to touch the ball if a defensive player stops a scoring chance within the crease. The goal crease is an imaginary 4-foot radius making a half-circle and extends from the center point of the goal line perpendicular from the front of the goal.
8. Goalies will serve all penalties they receive.

#### Rain/Holiday Policy

1. Rain/Snow Policy
  - a. We never cancel a match or night for rain/snow prior to the scheduled time.
  - b. Seriously—there is no need to call—we never cancel a match for rain prior to the start time.
    - i. (In the case of thunder we will wait from the last thunder strike for thirty minutes and then restart play)
2. Holiday Policy
  - a. We never postpone league for holidays (Valentine's Day, President's Day etc.)
  - b. You are free to reschedule by contacting the other team's captain.
3. In the event one team shows up and the other doesn't—the "no show team" will receive a loss

#### Reschedule Policy

1. There is no rescheduling this league. You must play at the scheduled time, should a team not be able to make their scheduled game it is an automatic forfeit.