



USA Broomball 2017 National Tournament Rules Modifications - Points of Emphasis



All play shall be governed by the current USA Broomball Official Broomball Rules with the following modifications:

- 1.) All players must be 18 years of age or older on or before April 7, 2017.
- 2.) **Indoor orange ball will be used.** Balls will be provided by USA Broomball.
- 3.) **Commercially produced hockey helmets and broomball shoes are mandatory for all players** due to the use of the hard Canadian ball and rules #4 and #5. Due to safety concerns no accessories may be affixed to helmets, (i.e., cameras, wigs, etc.). Lacrosse helmets are not allowed for any position.
- 4.) **A player may stop, control a ball and score a goal** with the broom below the shoulders.
- 5.) **If the entire ball is above shoulder level** it may not be played, or attempted to be played, with any part of the broom. **Penalty** – Minor; if play is ruled dangerous – Major.
- 6.) There must be three women on the ice in Co-Rec at all times, with the exception of penalties and overtime.
- 7.) Body checking is not allowed in any class.
- 8.) Players may not play in more than one tournament class/division excluding Co-Rec.
- 9.) Official roster must be turned in **at least 30 minutes prior to the team's first game**. Once the ball drops on your first game no changes may be made.
- 10.) Icing is allowed if a team is short-handed due to penalty.
- 11.) It is a penalty for any player who leaves their feet to play the ball & trips an opponent.
- 12.) All team captains (1) and alternates (2) must have a "C" or "A" on their jersey; If they don't have that designated marking; they don't have the privileges. **All players must have numbered jerseys of the same color; numbers cannot be taped on.**
- 13.) Hand or kick passes into the crease are immediate stoppages of play.
- 14.) **Fighting will not be tolerated.** Any participant issued a match penalty for fighting will receive an **automatic tournament disqualification** and is subject to further disciplinary action by USA Broomball.
- 15.) Netting around the rink: any ball hitting the netted area behind the goal line will be considered live. Any ball hitting the net between the goal lines will be blown dead and ref will determine appropriate face off location.
- 16.) If the goal is dislodged, it is an immediate whistle.
- 17.) When a penalty expires, the player who serves the penalty no longer needs to tag up.
- 18.) Tournament Director reserves the right to alter tournament in any way at any time. All decisions of Tournament Director are final.