

2019 ADULT BROOMBALL RULES

MANAGER'S DUTIES

1. Any schedule information, changes or other league information will be sent to you by email. Standings and scores will be posted on www.eminnetonka.com/sports/broomball . It is your responsibility to pass information along to your players.
2. You are responsible for taking charge of your team's and your spectator's conduct. Abusive language, improper drinking, litter and other irresponsible acts will not be tolerated.

RULES

Official rules will be the current USA Broomball rulebook pertaining to all phases of the game with the exceptions noted here:

1. A game will consist of two 22-minute running time halves with a 2-minute intermission.
2. If games are tied after regulation time has expired, one sudden death overtime period (4-players vs 4-players, no goalie) will be played. During the overtime period, for a goal to count the shooter and the ball both must be across the red line in the attacking zone. First one to score wins, no time constraint, and defense can be in the crease but no goalie privileges (i.e. no freezing ball high stick).
3. A legal team will consist of six players, although a team will be allowed to start and finish with five players.
4. All face-offs following the stoppage of play on minor violations will take place based upon the location of the ball at the time of the stoppage. These minor violations include cases of kicking the ball more than twice in succession, kicking the ball out of the zone, hitting the ball out of the rink, passing the ball with the hand to a teammate, the goalie freezing the ball, icing, etc. The official will determine the face-off location.
5. A minor penalty of three minute duration will be administered for the following violations: Checking, roughing, elbowing, kneeing, pushing from behind, cross checking, slashing, tripping, and sliding blocks. A player is not allowed to slide into an opposing player even if they hit the ball.
6. No checking is allowed in this league. A minor penalty will be called for the first offense. A second offense by the same player in the same game will result in a game misconduct call (ejection).
7. A six-minute major penalty will be enforced for violations including, but not limited to, abusive language, bench-coach conduct, injury sustained by a high broom. No replacement will be allowed for a person serving a major penalty.
8. Game misconduct is the ejection of a player for the remainder of the game. The teams must play short-handed. No replacement for the ejected player. Two game misconduct penalties in a season will result in a season suspension.
9. Penalized players (minor) may return to the ice when their team is scored against.
10. Penalty Shot: The referee places the ball at center-ice and upon his instruction the ball is played in a forward motion. The player is allowed one shot and may not score on a rebound. The goalkeeper must remain in the crease until the ball crosses the blue-line. Only the goaltender of record at the time of the infraction will be allowed to face the penalty shot.
11. The goalkeeper may catch, trap, cover, or bat the ball with their hands or broom in any direction. To clear the ball, the goalkeeper may pick it up and throw it toward the nearest end of the rink. SPECIAL NOTE: The goaltender may not pick up or palm the ball outside of the crease except in a save situation.
12. If a team wishes to change goalies they must wait for a dead ball unless they are pulling the goalie out of the game to add an additional attacker.

13. Floating Blue line: When the team in control of the ball breaks into the opponent's zone, the blue line will be used for off-sides. Once inside the zone, the off-sides line expands to the red line. When the defensive team gains control of the ball, they will utilize the far blue line as their off-sides. For a delayed off-sides, a player needs to only retouch outside of the blue line with play continuing.
14. Icing will be called in accordance with the official USA Broomball rules and regulations and will result in a face-off in the offending teams.
15. No players other than goaltenders shall pick up, throw, cover or trap the ball with their hands or their body.
16. No offensive player (except the goalkeeper) may stand or position themselves in the goal crease. There will be a team warning for the first offense and a timed minor penalty of each offense thereafter. A deflection off an offensive player will count, provided it is unintentional.
17. In case of ties in the seeding of teams, the following methods will be used: 1) head to head winner; 2) goal differential over the season.
18. There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages during or before the game. If the official detects alcohol on the breath of a player, the player must be expelled from that game.
19. If a player develops bleeding during the game, the player must be removed from the game until the bleeding is controlled and dressed. In this case, the player may leave the game and return without penalty. Game time will not be stopped for injuries.

EQUIPMENT/APPAREL

1. The broom shall consist of a wooden or aluminum handle with a maximum circumference of 4" that is commercially produced for broomball and recognized by the MRPA/USBA. Homemade or dangerous brooms will not be allowed. Any amount of tape will be allowed, provided its use is intended for safety or cohesiveness. All brooms must have a taped knob on the end. No broom may weigh more than 32 ounces or exceed 53" in length.
2. Teams must supply a good, playable broomball for each game. Failure to provide a playable ball will result in a two-goal penalty. A ball will be provided to each team by the game official at your first game.
3. Players on the ice must wear a strapped on commercially produced helmet. While the preference is for players to wear hockey helmets, you may also wear bike helmets or motorcycle helmets.
4. No shoes with metal spikes or yaktrax are allowed to be worn.

REFEREES

1. The referee's authority at a game shall not be questioned. They have been instructed to enforce the rules set up by the league. The referee has the authority to remove a player, a coach, or a manager from the game for violation of the rules. Players removed from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed to compete in the following game. A second ejection from a game will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season.
2. If for some reason a referee does not show for a game, teams should use a volunteer referee. The volunteer referee will be paid, and the game will count. In this case the game results must be phoned in to Recreation Services with the name, address, and social security number of the volunteer referee.
3. No protests on referee's judgment calls will be considered.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

1. If the forecast for the high temperature of the day is below zero, the games will be canceled. If there is persistent wind-chill of 30° below zero or lower, even with the ambient temperature above zero, the game will be canceled.
2. This decision will be made by 3pm on the day of your game. You and your teammates can obtain this information by calling our **weather activity hotline at 952-939-TELL (8355)**.

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Managers are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators.
2. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by managers, players and/or spectators. Respect yourself and others.
3. Casual profanity is prohibited. The official may choose to eject someone without warning depending on the situation.
4. Spectators are not allowed on the rink during the game. Failure to comply will result in halting the game until the spectator has left the rink.
5. The official may eject managers, players and/or spectators who harass officials or other players, before, during or after the games.
6. The conduct of teams playing in the recreation leagues must be above reproach. Managers must set examples to their players of fair play and sportsmanship. The Hopkins-Minnetonka Player Code of Conduct is as follows: "At no time shall any person lay a hand on, shove, strike, use abusive language or threaten an official of the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation and Parks Department on park property. Penalty shall be suspension for one year up to life, for local league play.
7. Unnecessary Roughness, Unsportsmanlike Conduct, and Fighting: the player will be ejected for the remainder of the game and the following game. These violations are a part of the conduct violation and will result in a \$20 fine for each infraction.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Players are limited to participating on only one team in their respective league (men's or women's or co-rec).
2. Players must be at least 18 years of age and out of high school.
3. The participation of an ineligible player in any league or playoff game will be just reason for forfeiting that game to the opposing team.

ROSTERS

1. Complete name, address, and phone number are needed for each player.
2. A *legible and complete* **official roster** is due *in Recreation Services office* **BEFORE YOUR FIRST LEAGUE GAME** (player signatures are no longer needed, only the manager's.) Only the manager or player may make additions to the roster. If additions or changes are to be made a new roster will need to be submitted before the next scheduled game. Recreation Services employees cannot add names.
3. Team roster consists of 20 players maximum.