



## DC Broomball Rules

- Each game consists of two 18-minute, running-time halves. Stop-time will take effect with 2 minutes left in each half.
- DC Broomball utilizes the "floating blue line" concept. That is, once an attacking player has crossed the blue line in the offensive zone, the red line now becomes the designated offsides line.
- Icing occurs when any player of a defending team shoots or intentionally deflects the ball from behind their defending zone blue line and across the goal line of the opposing team. Icing is ruled automatically and only if the ball is unplayable by either team and if the goalie is in or headed back to the crease.
- At all times, at least one female player from each team must be on the ice. If a team has less than one woman on the ice they will be assessed a "too many men on the ice" bench minor that can be served by any player on the ice when the whistle blew, as selected by the captain. If a female player is sent to the penalty box, she counts as the female on the ice.
- Only the designated captain and assistant captains from each team may converse or discuss calls with the referees.
- Should a game end in a tie after two periods of playing time then there will be a 5 minute, 4-on-4 (2 men and 2 women), stop time, sudden-death overtime period WITH NO GOALIES. If neither team scores, the game will end in a tie.
- Each team receives one timeout per period (including overtime, if necessary). Timeouts do NOT carry over into the subsequent periods if unused.
- A hand pass is called when a player bats the ball with his hand and it is touched by their teammate in the neutral or offensive zone. This results in a stoppage of play. Should the ball be intercepted by an opposing player or touched first by the player who batted it with their hand before the pass is completed, the infraction is waved off and play continues.
- DC Broomball is a **NO CHECKING LEAGUE!** Should a player act in such a way that could be considered detrimental to the health of other players, they will be issued a two-minute roughing penalty for the first offense, and given a game misconduct and ejected for subsequent offenses.



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### ***Minor Penalties***



The following actions will result in the calling of a minor penalty and the guilty party spending two minutes in the penalty box. During this time, the opposing team will have a man advantage (power play):

#### **Boarding**

Pushing an opponent violently into the boards.

#### **Cross-Checking**

Hitting an opponent with the stick when it is held with two hands and no part of the stick is on the ice.

#### **Elbowing**

Hitting an opponent with the elbow.

#### **High Sticking**

Playing, or attempting to play a ball above the shoulders, or hitting another player with a stick above the shoulders.

#### **Holding**

Grabbing an opponent's body, equipment or clothing with the hands or stick.

#### **Hooking**

Using a stick as a hook to slow an opponent.

#### **Interference**

Impeding an opponent who does not have the ball, or impeding any player from the bench.

#### **Roughing**

Pushing and shoving that is not severe enough to be considered fighting. Also called when an illegal body check is made.



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### ***Minor Penalties (cont.)***



#### **Slashing**

Swinging a stick at an opponent. Lifting an opponent's stick (or stick checking) is LEGAL; however, bringing your stick down forcefully on the shaft of your opponent's stick or hands constitutes a slash and will result in a penalty.

#### **Tripping**

Using a stick or one's body to trip an opponent. Tripping is one of the most common minor penalties called in broomball due to the amount of sliding done by players. Regardless of whether a play was made on the ball first, sliding and causing another player to trip over you will be called a tripping penalty.

#### **Goaltender Interference**

Physically impeding or checking the goalie. Visually impeding the goalie's view of the play with your body, called "screening", is legal.

#### **Holding the Stick**

Grabbing and holding an opponent's stick, also called when a player deliberately wrenches a stick from the hands of an opposing player or forces the opponent to drop it by any means that is not any other penalty such as Slashing

#### **Too Many Men on the Ice**

Having more than six players (including the goalie) on the ice involved in the play at any given time. "Involved in the play" is key; players that are entering the ice as substitutes for players coming off (line changing) may enter the ice once the player returning to the bench is less than five (5) feet from his team's bench.