

# Basic Broomball Rules

**Note:** Much of this is taken from USA Broomball official website:

<http://usabroomball.com>



**Game Basics:** A game consists of 2 halves. Goals are 6 by 8 feet instead of the standard hockey nets. A game consists of two, 18 minute stop time halves.

**Teams:** Each team has a goalie, three forwards and two defensemen (same line up as hockey). A captain and two alternates are allowed per team and must be designated prior to game time. Only these players may speak to an official. The designation must be marked by a C or an A on the jersey. Co-ed teams consist of 3 players from each gender on the ice for each team. In Co-ed play here is no concept of a "live" ball meaning a female player is not required to touch the ball in order to score.

**On Sides:** USA Broomball uses 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 off sides line. Essentially, the blue line disappears as the off sides marker. The ball must completely clear the blue line before the player's shoes and no other attacking player can be in the zone before the ball in order for the attacking team to be considered "on sides."

**Icing:** 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.

**Checking:** Only Class A men's division games allow checking.

**High Broom:** At all levels of USA Broomball play, a high broom is called when the ball makes contact with the player's stick above shoulder level. A minor penalty is called, unless an injury occurs as a result of the high broom, which is a major penalty.

**Ice:** Play will take place on clean ice. This surface must be shiny and free from snow particles.