

## **Official Broomball Rules**

**Game Basics:** A game consists of 2 halves. 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.

**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.

**Penalties:** Please refer to the official USA Broomball rule book for specific actions resulting in minor, major or game misconduct penalties. Penalties are marked as such:

*Minor* *Major* *Misconduct* 2 minutes 5 minutes 10 minutes

**Conduct:** At no time may a player verbally or physically abuse an official.