

Yukon Broomball Association

House Rules and Modifications to Canadian Broomball Federation Rulebook 2015-2017

Rules are in -effect for all league play and for league-sanctioned tournaments.

The rules contained in this document are used in conjunction with the Canadian Broomball Federation Inc. (CBF) 2015-2017 rulebook when playing under the jurisdiction of the Yukon Broomball Association (YBA). The rules are written with the intent to provide skill development in a safe environment in order to promote the sport of broomball throughout the Yukon.

If a referee has any questions regarding rule interpretation, he/she should discuss the issue with the designated Referee-in-Chief of the YBA. The designated Referee-in-Chief can not provide satisfactory answers, they in turn should contact the Referee-in-Chief of the CBF.

As per the CBF rulebook: *“These rules shall assure strong competitors their right to pursue excellence, beginners their right to be initiated in complete safety, recreational players their right to a relaxed atmosphere and all participants their right to surpass themselves.”*

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Chapter ONE – THE RINK modifications

Article 8 (c) – THE GOAL POSTS AND NETS

CBF Rule – Every goal shall be equipped with a double net. The outer net shall be drawn in such a manner that it will not hold the ball. The inner net shall be loose enough to cushion the ball. It should be installed at the center of the goal frame.

YBA Modification – Deletion of “double” from the first sentence, and all remaining sentences.

Rationale – our goals use a single net.

Article 13 – THE OFFICIALS CREASE

CBF Rule - A semi-circular red line 5 centimetres in width shall be painted on the ice, at a radius of 3 meters from a point situated immediately in front of the penalty timekeeper’s seat...”

YBA Modification – Line requirement not in effect. Concept of an official’s “crease” shall still exist.

Rationale – our facility does not provide actual painted line.

Article 15 (a) (b) (c) – THE DRESSING ROOMS

CBF Rule

- a) Each rink shall provide suitable dressing rooms, with sanitary toilets and showers for the team’s use.
- b) For opposing teams, the managers shall plan on obtaining dressing rooms as far as possible from each other.
- c) A separate dressing room, also equipped with sanitary toilets and showers, shall be provided for the use of the officials.

YBA Modification – Not in effect.

Rationale – our facility does not provide.

Article 18 – FIRST AID

CBF Rule

- a) A first aid room shall at all times be made available and be equipped for the primary treatment of injuries. This room shall be provided with the necessary services (lighting, heating).
- b) During tournaments and championships, a first aid medical services must be available on site.
- c) During tournaments and championships, a hospital must be informed, and ready to receive emergency cases.
- d) A first aid kit shall be available at all times.
- e) Each team should be sure to have amongst its personnel or players at least one person able to provide first aid. The trainer should bear a clearly visible red cross on the front of his coat, jacket or sweater.

YBA Modification – (a), (b), (c), (e) - not in effect. Item (d) remains in effect. The First Aid kit will be in the “Referee Shack” and/or “Timekeepers Shack”.

Chapter ONE – THE RINK house rules

1.1 THE BALL

- a) A ball that strikes the plexiglass of the viewing area ABOVE the playing area glass is deemed to be out of play.
- b) A ball that strikes the time keeper's shack on any side is deemed to be out of play.
- c) A ball that strikes any of the metal support structures, lights, roof, "rafter" hung flags/jerseys, or any other item above "the playing area glass", is deemed to be out of play.
- d) A ball that comes to rest on the back of the net is deemed to have been frozen by the goaltender, and play will be stopped.
- e) Repeated freezing or putting a ball out of play may result in a delay-of-game penalty.

1.2 WEATHER AND ICE CONDITIONS

- a) The ambient air temperature, as indicated on The Weather Network website one hour (60 minutes) before scheduled game time shall be the official temperature used by the league to determine if games can be played.
- b) The temperature must be no lower than -24°C in order for games to commence. That is to say we play at -24°C and not at -25°C .
- c) Referees have the ability to whistle play dead at any time to replace a frozen ball for player safety.

Chapter TWO – EQUIPMENT modifications

Article 26 (b) – PANTS

CBF Rule – The players on the same team must wear pants of the same base colour.

YBA Modification – Not in effect.

Rationale – not in effect, pants are not part of the YBA required uniform.

Chapter TWO – EQUIPMENT house rules

2.1 GOALTENDER

The goaltender may wear extra protective gear to protect himself/herself from the colder weather when playing “outdoor”. This does not apply to “indoor” facilities, such as Canada Games Centre, Takhini arena, Haines Junction, etc.

2.2 YOUTH PLAYERS

Youth players (under 19) must wear full facial protection (cage or shield/cage combo). Should a player turn 19 years of age during the season, full facial protection is no longer required.

Chapter THREE - THE TEAM modifications

Article 30(d) – TEAM CAPTAIN OR ASSISTANT-CAPTAIN

CBF Rule – No goaltender, substitute goaltender, player/coach, or player/manager has the right to act as captain or assistant-captain.

YBA Modification – Not in effect

Rationale – we want to allow a goalie to be a Captain or Assistant-Captain.

Chapter THREE - THE TEAM house rules

3.1 CO-ED REQUIREMENTS AND TEAM LINEUPS

- a) Teams shall normally play with a goaltender and five other players on the ice at any one time. During regular play (unless playing short-handed as below), a minimum of two on-ice players, excluding the goal tender, shall be “female”.
- b) Five total players are required to start and finish a game, at least once of which must be a non goal tender “female”. A team may elect to play without a goaltender, but may only still field a maximum of three non goal tender “males”. Hence, the following combination are allowed as a minimum:
 - i. No goal tender, 2 females, 3 males
 - ii. No goal tender, 3 females, 2 males
 - iii. No goal tender, 4 females, 1 male
 - iv. No goal tender, 5 females, 0 males
 - v. Goal tender (gender agnostic), 1 female, 3 males
 - vi. Goal tender (gender agnostic), 2 females, 2 males
 - vii. Goal tender (gender agnostic), 3 females, 1 male
 - viii. Goal tender (gender agnostic), 4 females, 0 males
- c) Goaltenders are assumed to be non-gendered players; that is, they do not count towards a team’s Male or Female quota. A team is thus allowed to field four “male” players including the goaltender.
- d) In the event of a penalty to the goaltender, any player on the ice at the time will serve the penalty, irrespective of the gender of the goalie or the gender of the serving player.
- e) Each team shall indicate on its roster, those players present for the game. If it is not marked, then no player (other than those who got goals or assists) shall be indicated as present, and count towards playoff eligibility (see section 3.3). Teams shall indicate who is the goal tender for the game (if not indicated, it will be scored as “no goalie”).

3.2 PICK-UP PLAYERS

- a) If a team does not have the required number of players to complete its initial line-up, they may elect to “pick-up” no more than one player from another league team to play the game for them. The pick-up player can only complete a regulation team of five or six players.
- b) The pick-up player will not receive points towards their player league statistics.
- c) A Player may only be picked up once per team per season, and must be marked as such on the roster/game sheet with a “P” to indicate pick-up.
- d) If a regular team member for the team using a pick-up player arrives, the pick-up player must leave the ice surface. If the pick-up player is in the penalty box, he/she must wait until a stoppage in play before returning to the bench via the ice surface, then leave the bench.
- e) Teams are not eligible to pick-up players in the playoffs.

3.3 PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for playoffs, a player shall
 - Be in good standing with the league (fees paid, etc.);
 - Have played in a minimum of FIVE (5) games in that year's REGULAR season schedule (tournaments not counted). They MUST have been recorded on the game sheets, completed at game time, as having played. See 3(1)(E).

3.4 YOUTH PLAYERS

- a) Players must be at least 16 years of age to play in YBA.
- b) Those players at least 16 years of age, and under 19 years of age as of November 30 of the respective year are classed as Youth Players and pay a reduced registration fee.
- c) Youth players must wear full facial protection (cage or shield/cage combo). Should a player turn 19 years of age during the season, full facial protection is no longer required.
- d) Those players under 18 years of age on November 30th of the respective year must have parental waivers signed in order to participate in league sanctioned events.

Chapter FOUR – THE OFFICIALS modifications

Article 34(b) – CODE OF CONDUCT

CBF Rule – Officials shall wear the approved Canadian Broomball Federation Official’s uniform. The uniform consists of black pants, a CSA approved black helmet **with an approved half-facial protection** (wire of shield) as well as the official’s black and white sweater. (emphasis not added, in rule book as shown).

YBA Modification – Requirement for black pants and approved half-facial protection not in effect for adult (19+) referees. Youth working as referees must wear half or full facial protection.

Rationale – we want to allow. Keep requirement if youth.

Chapter FOUR – THE OFFICIALS house rules

- a) To act as an Official, a person must hold a qualification certificate recognized by YBA.
- b) The Official is a representative employed by YBA.
- c) It is their duty to enforce all YBA rules, CBF rules, and YBA approved CBF rule modifications.
- d) As an official, it is forbidden for him/her to have other officials under his/her orders. However, the scorer, game timekeeper, penalty timekeeper, and goal judges, if applicable, shall follow his/her directives, just as any other person in the game.
- e) He/she shall see to it that the game progresses as smoothly as possible, with as much intelligent game management as possible.
- f) YBA Officials will follow CBF rules as directed by the CBF rulebook, and as amended by YBA modifications and house rules.

Chapter FIVE – THE GAME modifications

Article 43(a) – DURATION OF THE GAME AND PERIODS

CBF Rule – The duration of each competitive game shall be at least 36 minutes (stop time) for all categories. The time shall be divided into at least two periods.

YBA Modification –

The duration of each competitive game shall be at least 36 minutes (running time) for all categories.

Rationale – as no time keeper, running time.

Article 45(a) – TEAM SHORT OF PLAYERS

CBF Rule – If a team does not have the required number of players to complete [its] initial line-up, that is to say one goaltender and five players, the officials shall apply Article 93 (Game awarded by decision).

YBA Modification – Not in effect.

Rationale – teams can play short handed. See Chapter 3, house rules for minimum players.

Chapter FIVE – THE GAME house rules

5.1 DURATION OF THE GAME, PERIODS, TIME OUTS.

- a) League games (except tournaments and special events) will normally be a duration of three 15-minute periods of modified running time, for a total of 45 minutes. The clock will stop when penalties are called, penalty shots are awarded, and after goals are scored. This does not include overtime, which usually does not apply for regular season games.
- b) There will be a maximum two-minute break between periods.
- c) A single time-out of 60 seconds per team per game may be requested by one of the captains or assistant captains during a pause in play (does not need to be on the ice).
- d) Teams change ends of the rink after each period. Teams do not change ends in overtime.
- e) Overtime format for playoffs, and tournaments will be decided by executive in advance of playoff/tournaments and publicized (to account for ice time limitations, weather, ice conditions, etc.).
- f) The last two minutes of regular time (and any overtime if applicable) shall be STOP TIME if the goal difference is two goals or less.
 - i. Should the goal difference be three or more, and the goal difference becomes two or less during the final RUN TIME two minutes, time shall revert to STOP TIME.
 - ii. Should the goal difference be two or less, and the goal difference becomes three or more during the final STOP TIME two minutes, time shall revert to RUN TIME.

Chapter SIX – PLAY IN PROGRESS modifications

Article 53 - ASSISTS

CBF Rule – An assist shall be awarded to the attacking players who helped the scorer.

YBA Modification – A maximum of ONE assist will be awarded for each goal.

Rationale – not administratively possible.

Article 57 – FACE-OFF

YBA Modification / addition

The stick motion of a player may still be forward but only if it maintains contact with the ice (no upper motion off the ice). The offending player is removed from the face-off and a different player takes their spot. Repeat offenders will be given a delay of game penalty.

Rationale – YBA desired.

Chapter SIX – PLAY IN PROGRESS house rules

6.1 MERCY RULE

After a difference of seven goals, the game will automatically end.

Chapter SEVEN – TYPES OF PENALTIES modifications

Article 78 (a) (c) – MINOR PENALTY

CBF Rule(a) – A minor penalty requires that the guilty player leaves the ice and his/her team play shorthanded during two minutes of stopped time.

YBA Modification – A minor penalty requires that the guilty player leaves the ice and his/her team play shorthanded during three minutes of running time.

CBF Rule(c) – If a player is awarded three minor penalties during the same sequence of play, the third penalty becomes a major penalty. The player shall go to the penalty bench to serve a total of nine minutes in penalties.

YBA Modification – If a player is awarded three minor penalties during the same sequence of play, the third penalty becomes a major penalty. The player shall go to the penalty bench to serve a total of eleven minutes in penalties.

Rationale – adjust to YBA running time.

Article 81 (a) (c) – MAJOR PENALTY

CBF Rule (a) – A major penalty requires that the guilty player leaves the ice and his/her team play shorthanded during 5 minutes of stopped time, whether a goal is scored or not.

YBA Modification – A major penalty requires that the guilty player leaves the ice and his/her team play shorthanded during 5 minutes of RUN time, whether a goal is scored or not.

CBF Rule (c) – ... the player who received the major and minor penalty will remain in the penalty box for a maximum of seven minutes.

YBA Modification – the player who received the major and minor penalty will remain in the penalty box for a maximum of eight minutes.

Rationale – adjust to YBA running time.

CHAPTER EIGHT – INFRACTIONS modification / house rules

Article 116 – STICK-CHECKING

Definition: The act of using one's stick to hold up or hold down an opponent's stick.

Sanction: Minor penalty

Note: Holding the opponent's stick in a downward motion with one's stick or hand is a minor penalty.

Note: A player may use a quick upwards tapping motion on an opponent's stick, within the vicinity of the ball, in order to separate the opponent from the ball.

Article 125 – HIGH BROOM

Definition: The act of contacting an opponent above his/her normal shoulder level with one's broom OR the act of contacting the ball with the broom above the normal shoulder height.

Sanction: Minor penalty.

YBA deviation: If a major penalty is assessed under the 1st or 2nd specification (major penalty) in the last five minutes of a game, that will not invoke an automatic game suspension per CBF rule 81 (D).

Note: YBA is very concerned with accidental or deliberate hits to the head, and referees are given the authority to make any infraction where a hit to the head occurs a MAJOR penalty, and refer any such incidents to the referee-in-chief. Article 132 covers "attempting to injure or injuring deliberately".

Article 129 – FIGHTING

Definition: The act of entering into a violent physical altercation with an opponent, teammate, official, coach or spectator.

Sanction: Major Penalty and Game Misconduct (suspension for next game) as a minimum, and forwarding to the referee-in-chief for review. Any additional sanctions shall be assessed after a panel review by the referee-in-chief and minimum two non involved executive members, to which the sanctioned player and team captain/assistant(s) may present his/her case in person or in writing.

Suspended players are not allowed at any YBA game/rink until the suspension period has expired.