



Rules and Policies



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Section 1.01 Broomball will be played in accordance with Federation rules and those set by the Board.

Section 1.02 Each team shall have a minimum of 6 players plus a goalie to be declared a game. Failure to do so will result in the forfeit of that game once the first period's time has expired.

Section 1.03 Games will consist of 2 periods of 15 minutes running time. If the score is tied with 3 minutes remaining in the game (2nd period), play shall stop, and the game shall be played 3 on 3 with no goalies until the end of regulation time. At the conclusion of the three minutes, if the game shall remain a tie, a shootout will take place with 3 shooters aside to start, then 1 shooter at a time if necessary, until a winner is declared. ****No shooter can shoot twice until all of the players have gone at least once.***

Section 1.04 One (1) time-out of thirty (30) seconds will be permitted to each team per game.

Section 1.05 Affiliate players - A player can be affiliated with a higher category with unlimited games. However, the JBMBL will mirror the JBMHL rule as it pertains to having players partake in no more than three (3) games per day maximum.

Section 1.06 A broomball player can play Hockey (JBMHL) without an affiliation rule.

Section 1.07 Any player receiving three (3) minor penalties in a game will be automatically ejected for the remainder of the game.

Section 1.08 Any double minor penalty shall be considered as two penalties.

Section 1.09 Any player being penalized for fighting or attempting to injure will be automatically expelled from the game. Further discipline may be issued upon further review from the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 1.10 Any player and/or coach found to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be expelled from the game as both a participant and spectator. Further discipline may be issued upon further review from the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 1.11 Helmets – All players shall wear a helmet in accordance with CBF rule book.

Section 1.12 Facial Protection – all categories must wear a full-face mask firmly affixed to the helmet during sanctioned play. The mask must meet all of the following guidelines.

- A) Must be approved under the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standard use for Hockey.
- B) Shall be designed to cover the entire face to the lower line of the jaw and prevent the ball and or head of the stick from touching the face of the wearer
- C) Have a chin cup protecting the chin.

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Section 1.13 Safety and Equipment Policy

- A) Player safety and use of proper equipment is the responsibility of Parents and Coaches. All players are required to wear protective equipment as described in the CBF rule book.
- B) Players and parents of minor players are responsible for providing and maintaining proper equipment.
- C) Coaches, trainers and team personnel are responsible for inspecting player's equipment and preventing the use of improper equipment.
- D) Game officials are responsible for enforcing the rules of the game.
- E) Any equipment, which violates this policy and or the rules of play, will be removed from the game.

Article I. GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

- A) There is absolutely **NO BODY CHECKING** permitted.
- B) No hand passing
- C) Penalty resulting in a penalty shot – A player throwing a stick in frustration or anger
- D) FAIR PLAY POINT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

U10	Less than 5 minor penalties	10 minutes
U12	Less than 5 minor penalties	10 minutes
U14	Less than 6 minor penalties	12 minutes
U16	Less than 6 minor penalties	12 minutes
U19	Less than 7 minor penalties	14 minutes

- Major penalty will be counted as two (2) minor penalties.
- Any game misconduct is automatically a loss of **FAIR PLAY POINT**.
- E) Players are allowed to change on whistle and on the fly during the game.
- F) A player must serve the full penalty on all stick penalties (penalized player cannot leave the box even if other team scores on the power play).
- G) If a player receives 3 minor penalties in the same play, the 3rd penalty becomes a major penalty. The player will have to serve 9 minutes (2 minutes + 2 minutes + 5 minutes = 9 minutes).
- H) A minor penalty will be assessed if a player touches the ball with their broom higher than shoulder level. Only exception is for a goalie attempting to make a save in the crease.

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Article II. PENALTY SHOTS / SHOOTOUTS

- The clock is stopped during a penalty shot
- If an infraction calls for a penalty shot, no other minor penalty is assessed.
- Should a player that was assessed the penalty shot get injured and cannot shoot, only a player that was on the ice at the time can take the shot.

On the referee's signal, shooter plays ball to attempt to score; the ball and player must maintain a forward motion towards the net (**No spin'o'ramas**). Once the shot is taken, the play is deemed complete, no rebound goals are permitted. The goalie must remain in the crease until the ball is touched by the shooter, if this is violated the shooter will be given another shot.

Article III. 2023-2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conference Championships: March 22-24, 2024

- Inland host: Mistissini
- Coastal host: Wemindji

League Championships: March 29-31 in Nemaska

Conference Championship Format

- Double elimination Format
- Season standings will be used
- If tie remains, a mini match of 1 regulation period (non-sudden death) will be played. Continuous sudden-death overtime shall then be played until a winner is declared following the regulation period.

League Championship Format

- 3 Teams (Inland and Coastal Champions and Host Team)
- Should host team become Champions, Conference Runner-up will be added.
- Round Robin Schedule
 - First place team has automatic spot in Finals
 - Second and Third place play a semi-final game

Article IV. SCORE SHEETS

- a) All games must be entered by host on **"tournaments online"** during the game or immediately following the game.
- b) Game sheets also have to be sent to league coordinators within 48 hours after the event.

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Article V. REFEREES AND OFF-ICE OFFICIALS FEES

- a) 2-Man System (\$20-\$20) Total \$40.00
- b) 3-Man System (\$15-\$15-\$20) Total \$50.00
- c) 4-Man System (\$15-\$15-\$20-\$20) Total \$70.00
- d) Time Keeper - \$15
- e) Score Keeper - \$15
- f) Refund of a maximum of \$50 per game

Article VI. ABUSE OF ON-ICE OFFICIALS

Any player, coach or team representative caught hitting, spitting, jostling, or interfering with the referee's work will be assessed a match penalty. They will also be suspended until the Disciplinary Committee has investigated and ruled on the incident. This rule will be applied both on and off the ice.

Article VII. ABUSE TOWARDS EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

Any criticism, discussion, threat or gesture made against the League Officials will result in a match penalty and possibly further disciplinary action. This rule will be applied both on and off the ice.

Article VIII. THREATENING OUTSIDE THE GAME

Any player or team representative who either in words or gestures attempts to intimidate an official or coach will be suspended indefinitely until their case is brought to the Disciplinary Committee. This rule is in affect both on and off the ice.

Article IX. FAILURE TO SHOW FOR JBMHL SCHEDULED GAME

- a) First offence: \$400.00 fine per game.
- b) Second offence: \$600.00 fine per game plus losing the right to represent at Hockey Abitibi-Temiscamingue Regional Championships.
- c) Failure to notify league coordinators and host community within 48 hours to indicate a team is/are not available to attend coming events shall result in a \$1000.00 fine. The only acceptable reasons regarding this rule are as follows:
 - Deaths – Tragic events (that affect the community)
 - Weather
 - Health
 - Acts of God
- d) Fines must be paid in full prior to the next league game. Failure to do so will result in the team remaining suspended from league play until the fines are paid, which can also incur the second offense for failing to participate in a league game without a valid reason.
- e) The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to act on an issue of non-payment of fines.

*Note: Fines are applied per game and not the weekend. If you have 3 games, it will be 3 times the amount fined. The fines incurred include fees for officiating, time keeping and ice rental fees

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that the host may incur. Fines will be forwarded to the host community to compensate for forfeit games.

Article X. FAILURE TO HOST JBMHL GAMES WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

Without prior notice of 48 hours to league coordinators the fine shall be \$2500.00. The only acceptable reasons regarding this rule are as follows:

- Deaths – Tragic events (that affect the community)
- Weather
- Health
- Acts of God
- Mechanical problems

Article XI. RESPECTING OTHER ASSOCIATIONS RULE AND POLICIES

- a) Each Association and or Community shall support decisions made by other communities or local associations in terms of local policies respecting terms of play and or eligibility to play and disciplinary actions taken. The fine for allowing ineligible players to participate in an event (Gala/Game/Tournament) are \$1000.00 for the first offence and:
- b) \$2,000.00 for the second offence provided that information is in place by the Monday following the event.
- c) When using an illegible player, or not respecting a community decision on player eligibility, the team's coach can incur disciplinary sanctions against him/her upon further review and at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

Article XII. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

The disciplinary committee will deal with any incidents within 48 hours. A player, coach and/or parent in question is suspended until the matter is dealt with and resolved.

- Disciplinary Committee will make the final decision on these matters.
- Referee in Chief will also be included in decisions on any on-ice incidents.
- Protest must be issued in writing within 48 hours of the game in question to league coordinators.

Article XIII. CODE OF ETHICS

A Code of Ethics form will have to be signed by Players at the start of the season. The local associations are responsible for collecting the forms from each participant.

Article XIV. DEVELOPMENT RULE

James Bay Minor Broomball League is encouraging coaches to play all players throughout their game. However, they are given the last five (5) minutes of the game to use to their discretion as per the coach's code of conduct.

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Article XV. EDUCATION RULE

In accordance with current partnerships with the Cree Nation Government and the Cree School Board, we will be working to have a rule in place that will require all Players to attain an 80% attendance with a passing average to be eligible to play in JBMHL. *This rule is more for information purposes at this point but will eventually be in place across the board for all teams participating in the JBMHL.*

Article XVI. OFF-ICE INCIDENTS

ANY OFF-ICE INCIDENTS OUTSIDE FROM THE ARENA IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JBMHL (Except when it involves league officials concerning the games). However, teams/communities can issue a letter of complaint to the Disciplinary Committee for their consideration. They may or may not make an official decision pending the severity of the matter and if the league has any responsibility depending on the details of the incidents in question.

Handshakes before game

For any further information or issue regarding any league matter, you may contact:

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