

# Fountain Square Broomball League

## **Basic Rules**

Fountain Square Broomball is intended to be recreational and fun for all skill levels:

- As in soccer and hockey, the objective is to score more goals than your opponent in the time allowed.
- Games consist of two 12-minute running-time halves, with a one-minute halftime and a 5-minute changeover between games.
- Each team has 6 players: a goalie, three forwards and two defensemen (same as hockey). Teams may have no more than 3 men on the ice at any time.
- To minimize whistles, there will be no offsides and no icing.
- Penalties can be minor (2 min), major (5 min) or misconduct (10 min) at the discretion of the officials. Examples of major penalties are high broom (broom above waist in traffic), and checking (intentionally running into another player).
- Officials may call time out (such as for injuries), but teams will not have time-outs.
- Forfeit policy: Teams must have at least 6 players present to start a game. If you have fewer than 6 players after 5 minutes past the scheduled start time, your team forfeits.
- Free substitution will be allowed at all times, provided that the exiting player is within 2 feet of the rink door before the sub-in player enters the ice.
- Size of rink and goals: At 7,140 square feet, the Fountain Square ice rink is approximately half the size of a regulation hockey rink.
- Mercy rule: If a team is leading by 9 goals, the game ends. Winning team leaves the ice, and the losing team has the option to stay and use the ice time for practice.



## **Scoring, Standings, and Playoffs**

- Ties during regular season will be scored as ties.
- At the end of regular season, eight teams will advance to the playoffs: six from the Advanced conference and two from the Beginner conference. From the Advanced, we will take the four division leaders plus two more teams as wild cards. From the Beginner conference, the four division leaders will compete to eliminate two of them. The two who win will go to playoffs with the Advanced teams.
- Tie-breakers for playoff selection and ranking. In case of a tie in the standings before playoffs, the following priority list will be used:
  1. Most wins
  2. Most goals
  3. Least goals against
  4. Head to head (If applies)
  5. Coin toss