

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 5 players present to start a game. If you have fewer than 5 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: At 7,140 square feet, the outdoor 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 the regular season, the top team in each division will advance to playoffs. Four Beginner teams will play off for the Beginner championship, and four Advanced teams will play off for the Advanced championship. Beginner and Advanced teams will not play each other during regular season, playoffs, or the championship.
- In the weekend league, the top team in each division (there are two divisions) will play each other in week 7 for a mini-championship.