

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S ANNUAL **BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT**

Rules, Regulations & Restrictions

It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to explain these rules to his/her team. Broomball is a service offered by Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity in association with the RIT Student Government.

01. GENERAL

- a. This tournament will be double-elimination.
- b. The winner of each game will be the team with the most goals. In the event of a tie, the team with the longest possession time in the opponent's zone (past the centerline) will be declared the winner. Alpha Phi Omega referees will determine the length of possession.

02. PLAYING TIME

- a. Each match will have two equal halves of five minutes. There will be a one-minute halftime interval per match.
- b. The clock will be stopped for goals and for injuries. The clock will not be stopped for violations or penalties.

03. PLAYERS

- a. **Each player must have his/her RIT Student ID Card.** Players will not participate without appropriate identification.
- b. **Teams will have a minimum of six and a maximum of ten players.** Teams with fewer than six players will not be allowed to compete.
- c. If there is a team roster change, Alpha Phi Omega officials **must be notified 24 hours prior** to the start of the tournament.
- d. **Only six players from each team may be on the ice at one time.** Other players must remain at their team bench during the match.
- e. Player substitutions may only be made while the clock is stopped.
- f. **Players may only play for one team.** If a player is found playing for a second team in the tournament, both teams will lose by forfeiture.

04. EQUIPMENT

- a. Only helmets, sticks, and goalie pads provided by Alpha Phi Omega may be used. Players may choose to bring other additional protective equipment, but may not use it in place of the supplied items.
- b. All helmet straps must remain fastened while on the ice. If a helmet or strap is removed while playing, the team will be immediately disqualified.

- c. Supplied equipment must be returned to the team benches at the end of a match.
- d. Misuse of equipment will result in a penalty and a charge for any damage to the equipment. Any damage will result in retention of the student's ID card and prosecution for cost of full repair or replacement.

05. RESTRICTED EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS

- a. **Footwear:** only soft-soled shoes or sneakers are permitted. Ice skates, boots, sandals, cleats, lug soles, bare feet, and broomball shoes are not permitted.
- b. **Padding:** players may wear additional lightweight padding such as shin guards, wrist guards, or mouth guards if they desire. Hockey or football padding (that which is designed for high-impact sports) is not permitted. Alpha Phi Omega officials must approve all extra padding.
- c. **Gloves:** lightweight winter gloves may be worn on the ice. However, hockey or lacrosse gloves (gloves with heavy padding) may not be worn. Gloves must be approved before use.
- d. All padding, shoes, and clothing must be clean before going out on the ice; if a player damages the ice or dirties its surface, appropriate reparations will be determined by the rink staff.
- e. **The following items will not be permitted to be carried, worn, or used by a player while the match is in progress:** cell phones, cameras, or electronic devices, jewelry of any kind, neck covering of any kind. Alpha Phi Omega officials may determine other restricted items at the time of the match. This applies to players on the ice as well as players waiting at the bench.

06. REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

- a. Teams must be present for check-in at the arena lobby by **10:00PM**. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- b. Only players on the team roster with a valid student ID will be allowed to participate. This is required by RIT for liability purposes. Please do not argue with the check-in staff.
- c. Team registration fees must be paid at the Team Captain's meeting. No refunds will be given after this date.

07. ALCOHOL AND DRUG POSSESSION AND USE

- a. There will be no possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs in the ice arena at any time.
- b. If you have a restricted substance on you and wish to enter the arena, you will surrender it to the official at the door, or be denied entrance.
- c. Any persons considered to be alcohol or drug impaired will be refused admission or ejected from the arena by the Broomball Coordinator.
- d. Players who are under the influence will be disqualified from their team.

08. OFFICIALS

- a. Game officials have the right and duty to eject and/or disqualify any player or team deemed to be a hazard to themselves or others.
- b. **The decisions of the game officials are final.**

09. VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

a. **PENALTY: Ball is awarded to opposing team.**

- i. **Ball Advancement by Non-Goalie.** The ball may not be advanced with the head/helmet, hands, arms, legs, or feet.
- ii. **Ball Advancement by Goalie.** The ball may not be drop kicked, and may not be thrown past the centerline by the goalie.
- iii. **Delay of Game.** The goalie may not hold or trap the ball for longer than five seconds.
- iv. **Stick Throwing.** No player may throw his/her stick for any reason.
- v. **Off Sides.** A player may not enter the opponent's zone (cross the centerline) before the ball unless the ball is brought into the opponent's zone by the opposing team. This rule applies each time the ball enters the zone.
- vi. **High Sticking.** Sticks may not be swung higher than the chest.

b. **PENALTY: Player earns a one-minute penalty in the box.**

- i. **Tripping.** Any player who places his stick, foot, leg, hand, or arm in such a manner that if causes his opponent to fall.
- ii. **Holding.** Players may not hold an opponent with hands, sticks, or otherwise.
- iii. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct.** Any inappropriate act by a player directed to an opponent, teammate, or official.
- iv. **Unnecessary Roughness.** Any player who, in contact with an opponent, uses brutality or pushes him/her violently away.
- v. **Checking.** The act of making contact with an opponent with one's broom holding both hands apart on the handle.
- vi. **Hooking.** The act of stopping or trying to stop the advance of an opponent with one's broom or body.
- vii. **Boarding.** The act of projecting an opponent against the boards.

c. **PENALTY: Ejection from the game.**

- i. **Malicious Activity.** Malicious activity on the part of any player will result in that player being ejected from the game and a teammate of that player serving a three-minute penalty.
- ii. **Fighting.** Any fighting will result in the ejection of the players. Teams may be eliminated or disqualified from the tournament at the discretion of officials.

d. **All timed penalties will be served in the appropriate penalty box, and the time will be monitored by an Alpha Phi Omega official.**

10. ENFORCEMENT

- a. All decisions are final and may not be appealed.
- b. Players or teams that are disqualified may not play additional games in the tournament.
- c. Participants and spectators are subject to the rules and disciplinary actions of the RIT Campus Safety Department.
- d. Student ID's may be retained to collect information for disciplinary action.

11. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS & TEAM CONDUCT

- a. **Team Fans (Non-Players):** teams are welcome to bring fans and friends with them to the tournament. Non-players must show proof of ID upon entering the arena, are not permitted to compete in the tournament, and are subject to all previously defined rules. If a non-player is found playing in the tournament, the team at fault will be disqualified.
- b. **Arena Use:** Alpha Phi Omega uses the arena with the permission of the arena management and staff. A rink supervisor will be present throughout the tournament to ensure that arena policies are in effect, and participants should treat the supervisor with respect. The rink supervisor has the final say in any matters relating to the arena and its facilities.
- c. **Food & Beverages:** teams are permitted to bring food and non-alcoholic beverages to the event. Beverages will be inspected at check-in. **ALL TRASH MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN THE APPROPRIATE RECEPTACLES AND ANY MESS MUST BE CLEANED.** Teams failing to adhere to this rule will be disqualified from the tournament.
- d. **Arena Exit & Reentry:** Participant reentry to the arena is not permitted past 1AM. Prior to this time, participants are permitted to leave the arena and reenter with proper ID.

Rules are subject to change without notice. All decisions of the officials are final.

Questions about the rules, regulations, restricted items, etc. are encouraged to ensure that all players are in full understanding of the rules. Please see the Broomball Coordinator with any concerns. Thank you for participating!