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IMPORTANT DATES:

October 16th, 2016	7:00 PM	Captains Meeting – DOW 641*
October 17th, 2016	7:00 PM	Captains Meeting - FISHER 139*
October 23th, 2016	11:59 PM	Registration Opens
October 26th, 2016	11:59 PM	Registration Closes
November 9th, 2016	11:59 PM	Team Invoice Payment due to Cashier's Office or Online**
December 1st, 2016	12:01 AM	Online Roster Changes Open
January 10th, 2017	5:00 PM	Season Begins – Ball Drop
January 11th, 2017	10:00 PM	Online Roster Change Closed
February 8rd, 2017		Skills Competition and All-Star Game

*See "Captains Meeting" for full information

**See "Payments" for full information



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The details in this packet are intended as a reference for the rental procedures and general rental policy. In addition to this packet, the 2016-2017 IRHC Broomball Rules also apply to practice rink rental and can be found at: www.broomball.mtu.edu.

RENTAL PROCEDURE:

Rental Requirements:

For a team to be eligible to rent the practice rink, they must:

- Be a team approved by the Broomball Committee and participating in the current Broomball Season.
- Follow the registration process listed below.
- Pay for the rink before 11:59 P.M. on the day before the rink rental.

Practice Rink Reservation:

The practice rink is available to eligible teams for \$20; it can be reserved by the team captain by completing the official registration form online at www.broomball.mtu.edu. After registering, an invoice for payment will be emailed. During the registration period, the captain will have the opportunity to create a roster of attending players. The roster is only for the purposes of speeding up the Check-In procedure. The roster is not required, and players that are not on this roster are allowed to participate if they have met all legal player requirements.

Payment:

After an invoice is issued it is to be paid online, via banweb (www.banweb.mtu.edu under "Other Payments") or taken to the cashier's office (located on the ground floor of the Administration Building). Checks are to be made payable to Michigan Tech University. **A printed copy of the invoice number from the payment is required if paying at the cashier's office.** The rental time must be paid before 11:59 P.M. on the day prior to the rink rental.

Check-In:

Prior to beginning practice on the practice rink, all players must submit their Photo ID card, and be verified that they are legal players (see "Legal Player") before entering the ice. Once the Supervising Referee has collected the Photo IDs and has verified the eligibility; players needing a helmet will be allowed to obtain one. **Once a player is wearing a helmet, he/she is allowed to enter the rink.** Any player who arrives after check-in must check-in with the Supervising Referee and may have to wait until the supervising referee is available.



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PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES AND RULES:

Cancellations:

The Broomball Committee and Supervising Referee reserve the right to cancel ice rental time for reasons including, but not limited to the following:

- Hazardous weather
- Season game rescheduling conflicts
- Illegal players on the ice
- A player on the ice without a helmet
- Usage of the rinks in a manner that is or could be hazardous to players and/or fans
- Usage of the rinks in a manner that is or could be damaging to Michigan Tech and/or IRHC Broomball property and/or equipment
- Other rink policy violations

If a cancellation occurs due to hazardous weather or other occurrences prior to the scheduled rent time, the team captain for the renting team will be notified via email. There is no guaranteed rescheduling, but accommodations will be made or the payments will be refunded.

If a cancellation is made by the Broomball Committee or a Supervising Referee due to policy violations or infractions of the rink policy, rescheduling accommodations will not be made and payments will not be refunded.

Broomballs:

Broomballs will **not** be provided by the IRHC Broomball Committee under any circumstances.

Foreign Objects:

Cones and pillions are allowed at the Supervising Referee's discretion, but will not be provided by the IRHC Broomball Committee. Any other foreign objects that are not standard IRHC Broomball equipment are not permitted on the rinks; this includes food and drinks.

Illegal Player:

A team found using illegal players will forfeit their ice rental, and each illegal player will be fined a minimum \$20 with possible further IRHC Broomball Judicial Board action. Multiple offenses may result in a team's removal for the remainder of the season. The illegal player(s) and the captain of the team found with illegal players will be required to attend the next IRHC Broomball Judicial Board meeting. The team will not be allowed to participate until the fine is paid.



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Legal Player:

A legal player will be considered any player passing ALL of the following requirements. If the player does not fulfill all of these requirements, he/she will be considered an illegal player.

- The player is on a roster of a current IRHC Broomball Team.
- The player does not have any unpaid fines levied against him/her.
- The player is not currently suspended for a game, season misconduct, or permanent ban.
- The player has his/her waiver signed.
- **The player is not awaiting a hearing by the IRHC Broomball Judicial Board or the IRHC Broomball Committee.**

No Shows:

A team that fails to pay for rented ice time is considered a no-show. No-shows may be fined and/or could lose the privilege to rent the practice rink for the rest of the Broomball season. Penalty assessment is at the IRHC Broomball Judicial Board's discretion.

Snow Removal:

The rink will be cleared off and maintained to the same quality as the rest of the Broomball rinks. If there is a large accumulation, snow removal is up to the renting party. Shovels will be provided.

Waivers:

Signing a waiver is done via the IRHC Broomball Website at www.broomball.mtu.edu. Once at the website, players will choose the login option and use their ISO sign-in to log in. The player will then read the waiver and sign it electronically via clicking "accept". The team captain will have access to a list that displays who on his/her team has electronically signed waivers. Players added to a team during the add/drop period need to electronically sign their waiver before becoming eligible to use the practice rink. A player must have signed their waiver by 11:59 PM on the day prior to their next game to be considered legal to play. **NO paper waivers will be accepted by league heads or referees.**



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EQUIPMENT STANDARDS:

Allowed Protective Equipment:

A properly fitting hockey or lacrosse helmet with facemask is required at all times for players on the ice. Players may use a personal helmet with a facemask. IRHC Broomball will provide helmets for use in the size range of large and extra-large with various in between size adjustments. If an individual cannot find a properly fit helmet, they are strongly encouraged to purchase one that fits. There may not be enough helmets for everyone on a large-sized team. Helmets are required to meet HECC certification. Close-toed shoes are required in order to play. Hockey gloves, shin pads, hockey pants, kneepads, and elbow pads are allowed and strongly recommended for safety. Shoulder pads and chest protectors are not permitted to be worn by any player. Goalies are permitted to use baseball chest protectors along with baseball, softball, and regular hockey gloves.

Illegal Equipment:

Shoulder pads and chest protectors are **not** allowed for any player. Official Broomball shoes or shoes that are specifically designed to give extra traction (grip) are not allowed. Cleats, spiked shoes, and five-finger style shoes are not allowed. Hockey goalie pads (shoulder pads, chest protectors, leg pads, blockers, and goalie catchers' gloves) are not allowed. Goalies are not allowed to wear any equipment or clothing that covers the five-hole. Any equipment that may put another player in danger is not allowed. The referees before the beginning of the practice time will conduct a check for illegal equipment.

If a player is found using illegal equipment on the practice rink, the offending player will be removed from the practice rink. The player may also be fined and/or receive other penalties at the IRHC Broomball Judicial Board's discretion.



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PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES:

University Rules and Regulations:

All participants (players, fans, referees, and staff) of IRHC Broomball are expected to follow the university regulations set forth in the Student's' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Please refer to the student affairs website for full descriptions and definitions of student conduct relating to IRHC Broomball infractions: <http://www.sa.mtu.edu/dean/judicial/policies/code/>

Your actions on the Practice Rink can affect your eligibility in the IRHC Broomball season.

Fighting:

Any participant (player, fan, referee, or staff) of IRHC Broomball involved in a fight will be referred to the Director of Student Judicial Affairs for action as set forth in the Michigan Tech Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Fighting is not allowed at any time in IRHC Broomball. Any participant fighting or provoking a fight will receive an automatic game misconduct and must leave the practice. This also applies to any person who joins in a fight after one has started. If either bench clears during a fight, the practice will immediately be stopped and the team(s) involved will be given season misconducts. In any situation involving fighting, allow the referees handle the situation. Public Safety and Houghton Police Services will be called if a fight occurs.

Any policy violations mentioned above will be called at an IRHC Broomball Committee Member or the Supervising Referee's discretion. Violations could result in the loss of the rental ice privileges, fines, and/or review by the IRHC Broomball Committee. These violations may also be referred to the Director of Student Judicial Affairs and/or the IRHC Broomball Judicial Board for judicial sanction. For information on the IRHC Broomball Judicial process, see the 2016-2017 IRHC Broomball Rules found online at www.broomball.mtu.edu.

Fines:

Helmet Fines: Helmet fines are levied against an individual player. If a player receives this fine, he/she must pay the fine as noted in "Payments" in the 2016-2017 IRHC Broomball Rules Packet to become eligible for his/her next game.

Other Fines: Fines may be assessed, by the IRHC Broomball Committee to players or teams based the severity of the infraction. Other fines include misuse or damage of the rink, equipment, or property of IRHC Broomball. Not all fine prices will be stated upfront.

Administration and Collection: All team fines administered must be paid 24 hours prior to a team's next game or the team will be forced to forfeit. All player fines must be paid 24 hours prior to a team's next game or the player will not be allowed to participate. See "Payments" in



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the 2016-2017 IRHC Broomball Rules Packet for information on how and where to pay. Once a fine is paid, the player/team in question will be issued a receipt as proof of payment. It is recommended that the receipt be kept and brought to the team's/player's' next game. Multiple infractions resulting in a fine could result in a season misconduct or permanent ban from IRHC Broomball.

Contacting the Broomball Committee:

Questions, concerns, and grievances should be directed to a team's league head for further clarification. Any further issues can be directed to the committee via the Broomball Chair (bbchair@mtu.edu).

These rules for use of the Practice Rink are, but not limited to, what is stated in this document and the 2016-2017 IRHC Broomball Rules Packet. The IRHC Broomball Committee reserves the right to take discretionary action as necessary.