

SECTION 4 - SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

Safety

- 4.1 The fundamental concepts of the Safety Policy are to establish a level of safety intended to reduce the risk of injury from contact, which is inherent and incidental to the sport and to identify the responsibilities of the various participants.
- 4.2 Player safety and the use of proper equipment is the responsibility of many parties.
 - a. Players and parents (of minor players) are responsible for providing and maintaining proper equipment.
 - b. Coaches, trainers and team personnel are responsible for inspecting players' equipment and preventing the use of improper equipment.
 - c. Game officials are responsible for enforcing the rules of the game.
- 4.3 All players are required to wear protective equipment as described in the CBF *Rule Book*.
- 4.4 Equipment shall be manufactured by a professional manufacturer, and shall not be altered in any way that will decrease the protection to the player, increase the risk of injury to an opponent or void the manufacturer's warranty.
- 4.5 Any equipment, which violates this policy and/or the rules of play, will be removed from the game. Where required, appropriate penalties will be given.
- 4.6 When equipment dangerous to an opponent has been used, the game officials shall report the occurrence via the standard incident report to the appropriate governing body.

Equipment Review and Acceptance

- 4.7 An Equipment Review Committee will be established to review new equipment being introduced to the sport and make recommendations to the Annual Meeting.
- 4.8 The mandate of the committee will be to:
 - a. Formalize the Federation's equipment review process;
 - b. Offer manufacturers a venue to have new broomball equipment design/innovations reviewed;
 - c. Review the new broomball equipment to determine if it conforms to existing CBF playing rules;
 - d. Investigate concerns regarding current equipment;
 - e. Make recommendations to manufacturers regarding possible changes to their equipment;
 - f. Inform manufacturers of their decision in a timely manner; and

- g. Make recommendation to the Members regarding the approval of broomball equipment for CBF play.
- 4.9 The committee shall be composed of at least one of each of the following:
- a. Members;
 - b. Vice President Technical;
 - c. Coaching Representative; and
 - d. Officiating Representative.
- 4.10 The Committee has the authority to make decisions, except the adoption of equipment, on behalf of the CBF. All adoption of equipment is subject to ratification at the Annual Meeting.

Helmets

- 4.11 All players shall wear a helmet in accordance with the CBF Rule Book.
- 4.12 Broomball is a sport with intrinsic hazards. Participation in Broomball implies the acceptance of some risk of injury. Use of a helmet certified under the CSA standards will not prevent all injuries. The use of the helmet is intended to reduce the frequency and severity of head injuries when used as intended for broomball, and in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions.

Facial Protection

- 4.13 All Juvenile aged players (playing in 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 Associations (CSA) standard used for Ice 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. Shall be finished so that it does not create a risk of injury to the wearer or another person when it is used as it is intended;
 - d. Have a chin cup protecting the chin;
 - e. Have a two or four-point strap configuration that would allow the user to fasten the mask to the helmet.