



# The Referee's Crease

A Newsletter for ALLIANCE Hockey Officials

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## COMMON MISTAKES

If all of the supervision sheets completed by all of the ALLIANCE Supervisors over the course of a season had their comments analyzed and charted, there would be a small number of items which would vastly outnumber the rest. This issue of the Referee's Crease will highlight some of those areas of regular concern.

### A. Procedures

Most of the procedural issues arise either because referees have not reviewed their procedures manual since their clinic or because they see a higher level official doing something in a particular fashion and choose to emulate that practice. While mirroring experienced partners can be useful for learning tricks of the trade, correct procedures are found in the Hockey Canada Officiating Manual (HCOM). Those are the procedures you must use to properly develop your on ice skills. Invariably the officials who get higher level games and clinic invitations not only know the correct procedures, they actually use them on the ice.

Faceoffs - Supervisors often see officials dropping the puck from a crouched, bent forward stance with the puck held out at arm's length from the body. While that may be acceptable at other levels of hockey, it is NOT the correct procedure for minor hockey.

Section 5, page 5-2 (bottom bullet point) of HCOM shows the proper procedure. Stand comfortably upright with the puck held close to the body just below belt height. The puck drop is a single out and down motion.

End Zone Positioning - Although higher levels of hockey give their officials greater freedom to ad lib their movements in the end zone, minor hockey adheres to the Piston System (HCOM Section 6, pages 6-1 to 6-3). Minor hockey DOES NOT ALLOW its officials below the goal line other than when there is a play at the net. Use the piston.

Stay out from the boards - Home base is NOT up against the boards. It is out 6-8 inches. The bump is NOT along the boards. It is parallel to the boards, but still out from them. Stay away from the boards.

Consistency of positioning is important for officials because it lets the players anticipate where you will be and what you will do. It minimizes your impact on the flow of play, helps to keep the puck out of your skates and makes you safer on the ice.

### B. Rules

Unsportsmanlike Conduct by an intervening teammate - If you penalize A1 and A1 disputes the call enough to earn a USC penalty, A1 gets a minor for USC in addition to the earlier penalty.

However, if you penalize A1 and A2 disputes the call enough to earn a penalty, A2 does NOT get a 2 minute USC penalty. A2 starts at a 10 minute misconduct (Rule 47, Sit 8 + Alliance recert clinic directive).

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