

## Annex B – Officials

1. Appointment of Officials. For all play directly under the jurisdiction of Ringette Canada, the National Director of Officials / Officiating Committee Chair, or designate, shall appoint two on-ice officials to referee each game, as well as a scorekeeper and a timekeeper.
2. Authority of the On-Ice Officials. The on-ice officials have full authority throughout the entire game and, in case of any disputes, their decisions are final. The on-ice officials shall assess all penalties as prescribed by the official rules for infractions thereof and shall make the final decision on all disputed goals.
3. Duties of the On-Ice Officials. It is the responsibility of the on-ice officials to see that:
  - 3.a the game starts at the correct time.
  - 3.b the Timekeeper and Scorekeeper are in position and prepared to carry out their duties.
  - 3.c the goal nets are in proper condition.
  - 3.d the playing area and rink markings are in accordance with the Official Rules.
  - 3.e the scorekeeper has obtained and verified the line-up of each competing team (including number of players, designation of captains and alternates, and the like).
  - 3.f the scorekeeper is informed which player scores each goal and to whom assists are to be credited.
  - 3.g the scorekeeper is informed which player is penalized and for what infraction the penalty was assessed.
  - 3.h all misconduct and match penalties are reported in detail on the Official Game Report.
  - 3.i at the end of the game, the on-ice officials check and sign the Official Game Report and return it to the scorekeeper.

NOTE: *The on-ice officials shall not, at any time, comment upon the length of suspension that a player or team staff member may receive as a result of penalties assessed during or following a game.*

4. Duties of the Scorekeeper
  - 4.a The scorekeeper is responsible to record on the Official Game Report:
    - 4.a (1) goals scored, the scorers, and to whom assists have been credited.
    - 4.a (2) penalties, the numbers of the penalized players, the times that penalties are assessed, started, ended, and the times that penalized players return to the ice.
    - 4.a (3) the use of team timeouts during the game.
  - 4.b The scorekeeper shall inform penalized players:
    - 4.b (1) upon request, the time remaining in a penalty.
    - 4.b (2) when their penalty has expired, and release the player from the penalty bench at the correct time.
  - 4.c If a player leaves the penalty bench before their penalty time has expired, the scorekeeper shall note the time and inform an on-ice official.

- 4.d At the end of the game, the scorekeeper shall ensure that the Official Game Report is signed by the timekeeper and the on-ice officials, sign it themselves, and forward it to the person responsible for said reports.

**5. Duties of the Timekeeper**

- 5.a The timekeeper is responsible for the operation of the game clock, displaying the time remaining in the game. If the scoreboard is capable, the timekeeper shall display the score, period, and time remaining in penalties being served.
- 5.b If the rink is not equipped with an automatic buzzer or siren, or if such device fails to function, the timekeeper shall signal the end of each period.
- 5.c If the game clock malfunctions, the timekeeper shall track the time remaining in the game using a stopwatch, if available, or an ordinary wristwatch.
- 5.d The timekeeper shall time the 30 seconds allocated for team timeouts.
- 5.e At the end of the game, the timekeeper shall sign the Official Game Report and return it to the scorekeeper.
- 5.f The on-ice officials shall decide any dispute regarding the time remaining in the game. Adjustments to the game time shall be made only with the sanction of the on-ice officials.