



Novice ½ Ice Hockey – Roles and Responsibilities for Officials

This is a summary for officials and mentors of what they need to do for a Novice ½ Ice game.

Pre-Game (Referees and mentors)

1. Help get the bumpers and nets set up.
 - a. Bumpers go across the center red line
 - b. Goals will be at the ends (1 in the end zone, 1 at center ice)
2. Check the Game Sheet
 - a. Make sure the players listed on the game sheet match the numbers on the ice
 - b. Meet and shake hands with the coaches
3. Warm up – 3 minutes
4. Line Changes – The clock will buzz every 90 seconds for line changes, on the fly. No face-offs will occur after line changes
5. Games are 2 periods of equal time (24 min each). Switch ends after 1st period.

Playing the Game (Referees)

1. 4 on 4 – 4 skaters per team PLUS a goalie
2. Puck drops – Only one puck drop at the start of each period in the middle of the ice. If available, use a marker to mark a face off dot.
3. Offsides/Icings – We are not calling this during Novice ½ ice games
4. Stoppages at net (goalie save or goal) – Blow whistle, have attacking team back off 8 – 10 feet
5. Puck out of play – Blow whistle, give 2nd puck to non-offending team, (keep the game moving)
6. Pucks – **For Novice, we will use blue pucks. Carry an extra one with you so you can keep play going if the puck is shot out of play (give to non-offending team)**
7. During Play – Move up and down your end with the play. Use the piston positioning as the puck moves toward the net
8. Penalties – Signal penalties as before.
 - a. Blow your whistle when offending team gets possession.
 - b. Signal the penalty, (point at offending player and signal)
 - c. There are no power plays. The puck is given to the non-penalized team
 - d. Report penalty to the coach of the offending team at shift change (buzzer)
 - e. A player only is removed from the game if the penalty includes a Game Misconduct, Match or Gross Misconduct
9. Goals – Referee signals goals
 - a. Team that was scored on gets the puck (scoring team backs off 8 – 10 feet)
 - b. Do not report goals and assists (We don't keep score)

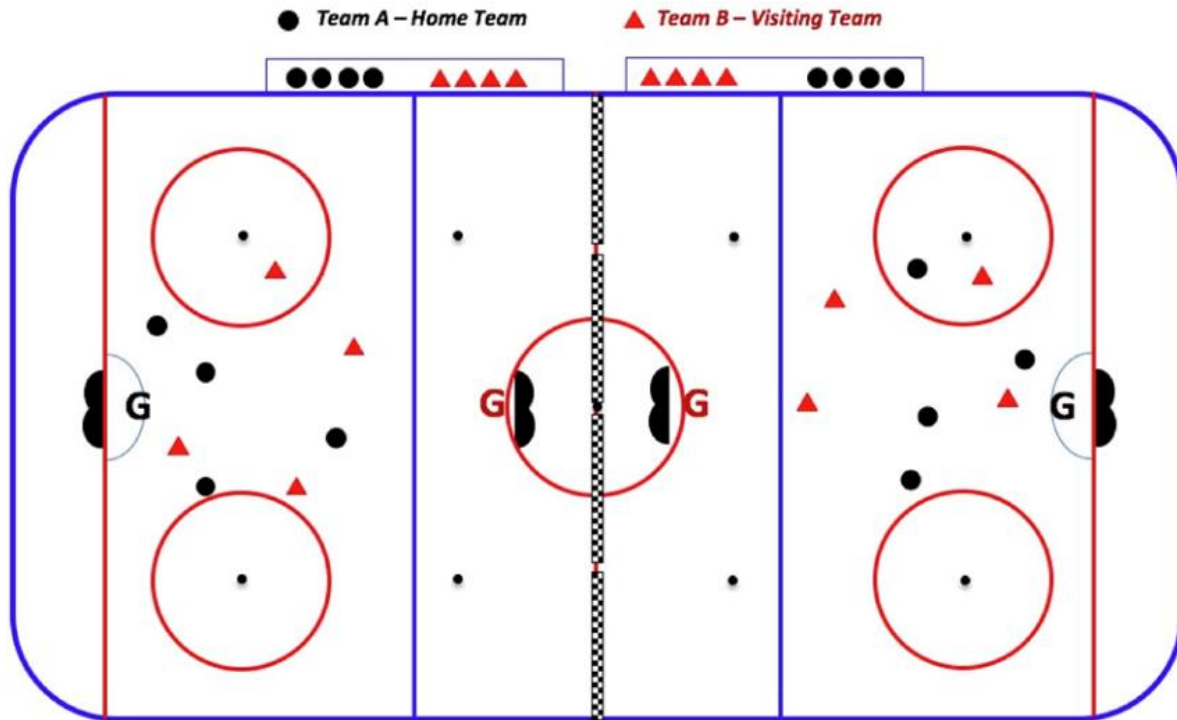
During the Game (Mentors)

1. Shadow the referees to help them with positioning (teach & educate, be positive)
2. Split your time at both ends of arena (12 mins per period at each end)
3. Provide feedback on goals/penalty procedures
4. Assist with any questions the officials/coaches or players might have during the game
5. Assist in getting any pucks that are shot out of play
6. Assist with putting bumpers into place

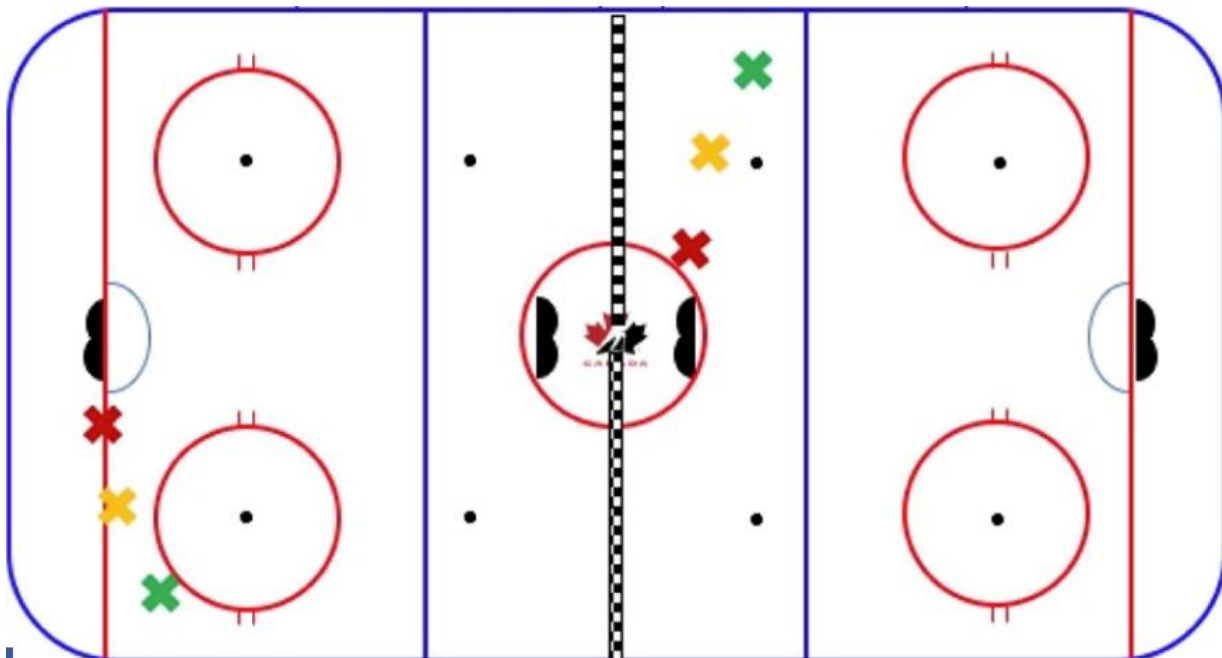


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Ice Set Up



Positioning



For more information, please see this link: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/videos/23508/novice-halfice-guidelines>