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Re: Supervision Standards

The following are a list of items for Linesmen and Referee's that require clarification:

LINESMEN

FACE-OFFS:

1. Encroachment

(a) Hockey Canada standard. Body square, Feet not touching lines, toe of the blade of the stick on the ice in the ½ moon.

(b) Wingers sticks are permitted to be in the hash marks.

2. Ejection Procedure

(a) Do not point across the body or with the puck in hand – move the puck to your other hand momentarily when needed to avoid this.

(b) Individual style is permitted – for example it is permissible to move back from the face-off dot when ejecting a center.

(c) Never eject 2 centers on the same drop. Always penalise the player that moved first.

3. Wingers behind the Linesmen dropping the puck

(a) Linesmen should not look behind them after blowing the whistle to start the face-off procedure.

4. Neutral Zone Face-offs

(a) Centers should be thrown out if encroachment occurs, using end-zone guidelines without the restraining lines on the ice.

(b) Wingers – no body contact.

ICING:

Back Linesman

(a) Initiate all icings with your back (outside) arm.

(b) Is permitted to wave-off potential icings (even on penalty kills). If the back linesman waves off a potential icing the front linesmen should not wave it off as well. Avoid double signals.

Front Linesmen

(a) When you are the front linesman calling an icing remember to look back at your partner as the puck crosses the top of the circles to ensure the signal is still on.

SIGNALS

Avoid non Hockey Canada signals – for example: pointing to a player following waving off and icing.

AWARENESS

(a) It is permissible for the linesman on the opposite side of the ice from the Referee to pinch into the end-zone on delayed penalties and/or at the end of the period.

(b) Linesmen to blow whistle at the end of periods.

(c) Linesmen to check nets at the START of the periods.

REFEREES

ICING:

Following an icing the Referee should curl behind the last attacking player before skating up the ice.

LINE CHANGE PROCEDURE:

(a) Use the arm that allows you to see both the bench and players on the ice. In most cases this is the outside arm closest to the boards.

(b) Following the scoring of a goal apply proper procedure.

(c) In the end-zones Referee's are encouraged to get into a position where they can make eye contact with the coaches out as far at the top of the circle. Must ensure Referee's are back into position at ½ piston prior to the face-off.

(d) Must be done at every stoppage of play, including start of periods.

PENALTY PROCEDURE:

(a) Referee's should be presentable and stand at the top of the Referee's crease when making penalty signal to timekeeper.

END-ZONE POSITIONING ON THE PP

(a) It is acceptable to position yourself higher or lower (depending on the situation) then the outlet pass coming from behind the net if there is no pressure from attacking players. Referee's are permitted to stay as high the nearest attacking player.

START OF GAME:

If the timekeeper's booth is on the opposite side of the ice from the benches:

1. Referee does line change procedure.
2. Look at timekeeper to see if they are aware that you are ready to start.
3. Turn and face the benches when dropping the puck.

If you require further clarification please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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