



## Children's Ringette and Officiating

Starting in the 2019/2020 season, U10 Step 1 will be playing Half-Ice games and Active Start (if playing games, which Ringette Alberta does not recommend) will be playing Cross-Ice games. With these changes, please review the following to ensure that there is proper officiating development in your association. This document should be shared with all officials that will be officiating Half-Ice and Cross-Ice games, assignors that will be scheduling officials, and coaches that will be on the ice for these games.

### **Key aspects of the Cross-Ice and Half-Ice games:**

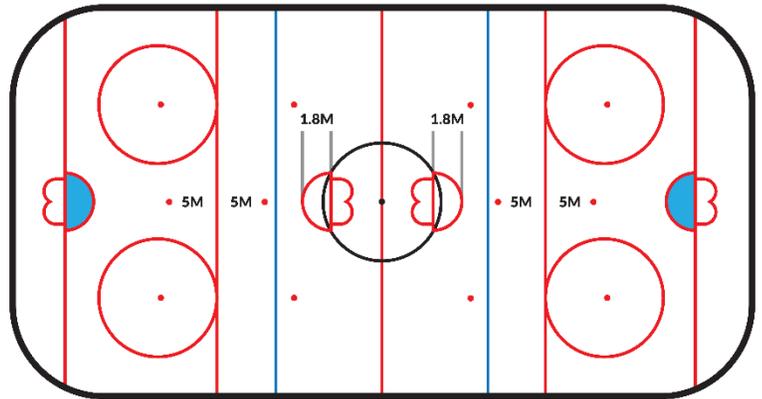
- Two games happening on one ice surface, four teams are playing
  - o Or one game and one practice
- Coaches are to set up the ice, and add any necessary markings
  - o RAB recommends coaches on the ice all year
  - o Coaches need to be ready with appropriate materials to mark ice
- 3 vs 3, plus goalies
- Run-time with 90sec buzzer
  - o 5 minute set-up/warm up
  - o 27 minutes periods, 1 minute half time (for hour ice slots, in the Black Gold League, other leagues may be different, ask your assignor)
  - o Start from starting point, possession to team last in control
- Game sheet for recording players and coaches, but no goals/penalties to be recorded
  - o Cross-Ice/Half-Ice game sheets are available through Ringette Alberta
- Penalties/Infractions:
  - o Treat penalties as infractions; blow down the play, teach the player what they did wrong
    - No one goes to the penalty box, nothing is recorded on the game sheet
    - Resume play by free pass at starting point of team that didn't commit the penalty/infraction
  - o Crease violations, stick violations - either blow down immediately or 5-second count
    - Teach player what they did wrong, carry on from starting point
- If goal is scored, Infraction, or Ring out of Play – Start from starting point, defending team must back past the Ringette line
- Half-Ice games have a "blue-line" to pass over, this is the Ringette Line
- Officials will be positioned on the non-bench side, skating from crease to crease

Please refer to the full document here (diagrams included): <https://yourringette.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Season-Structure-ASU10-Ice-Markings-201908.pdf>

### **Diagrams:**

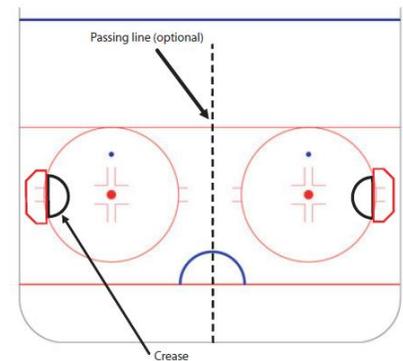
Half-Ice games should be set up like this:

- Posts of the net hit the lines of the circle
  - o Coaches mark a crease
- Two free pass dots are added 5M from Free Play Line (Ringette Line)
- Free Play Line acts as Blue Line



Cross-Ice games should be set up like this:

- Creases will be drawn on inside the circle
- Passing line can be drawn in
- If dots do not exist in the middle of the circle, draw on



### **Because of these differences between U10 Step 2 and above game rules, Official Assignors will be required to follow these:**

- No New Level 1 should be officiating these games
  - o Officials for Cross-Ice and Half-Ice games will be working as individuals. New Level 1s are still being taught to officiate according to classic format and are paired with experienced officials for mentorship. Officials should not do U10Step1 games until they are in their second year, more confident and have solidified their learnings from the clinic
- Communicate with coaches in their association
  - o Ensure that coaches are also aware of their roles on the ice (refer to full document)
  - o Ensure that coaches know the roles of the official
- Communicate to officials
  - o Ensure officials receive this document and understand their role and the role of the coaches
- It is recommended to have someone, either yourself or the Referee in Chief, attend a few of the first games to ensure that things are running smoothly. If there are any issues, you can address them going forward. If there are any recommendations in regards to assigning officials and officiating these games, please contact Lauren at [lauren@ringettealberta.com](mailto:lauren@ringettealberta.com)
- Recommended pay rate is minimum \$25

If there are any questions on game format and assigning, please contact Lauren. It is recommended that if an official has questions, to please contact their assignor first.