



On-Ice Officials – Safety & Procedures

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General Safety Considerations

You are part of a cohort, but limiting contact is still an important preventative measure.

Follow all AHS guidelines regarding isolation and symptoms, get tested when necessary. Communicate as early as possible with your League and/or Cohort Safety Officer if you are unable to be at a game that you are scheduled for.

Pre-arrival at facility:

- ✓ Sign attestation 24-0 hours prior to game time; Ringette Alberta will provide further instructions on how this will be done.
- ✓ Know municipal facility restrictions and requirements ahead of time (contact league). This includes dressing room use, distancing requirements, and more.
- ✓ Ask rink attendant if the officials' room has been cleaned/sanitized since last use.
- ✓ Arrive at the facility in full uniform as much as possible, *especially if uncertain about officials' room.*

Wear a mask:

- ✓ Entering the arena and *accessing the ice surface.*
- ✓ When physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- ✓ To communicate to minor officials without the plexiglass barrier.
- ✓ When a non-cohort person comes to attend to an injury on the ice.
- ✓ Any other time you want to wear your mask.

Things to keep on you at all times (or in an easily accessed bag in the penalty box area):

- ✓ Personal hand sanitizer
- ✓ Mask (in your pocket during the game)
- ✓ Your own personal water bottle

Practice good hygiene habits:

- ✓ Avoid high-touch areas
- ✓ Wash/sanitize hands frequently
- ✓ No post-game handshakes or fist bumps
- ✓ No sharing of water bottles, towels, or food
- ✓ Maintain physical distance as often as possible, even within your cohort
- ✓ Wash equipment, especially top layer, after each session, following manufacturer guidelines. This includes any gloves worn during the game.

On-ice Procedures for Officials

Pre-game duties:

- ✓ **Minor officials are NOT part of the cohort.** Wear a mask if you absolutely have to go into the penalty box/timekeeper area.
- ✓ Do not touch the gamesheet; work with the minor official(s) to hold up the gamesheet behind the glass and go through it that way. Communicate the notes you need added.
- ✓ Greet coaches verbally – no handshakes pre-game
 - Talk to them about having their players place rings at your direction.
 - Remind them that players need to open and close their own penalty gates so to make sure they're fully shut.
 - At some levels or in some leagues, penalties may be served on the players' bench.

In-game:

- ✓ Use of an electronic whistle is permitted
- ✓ Avoid high touch areas
- ✓ When communicating with minor officials, do not speak through the hole in the glass. *Communicate from a distance and, if needed, put on mask and open a penalty door.* They can then hold up the sheet against the glass to verify as needed.
- ✓ Players will need to open and close penalty gates themselves – minor officials will not be doing this. Remind players to shut the gate as they're going into the box.
- ✓ Shot clock operator may not be in the ideal spot to see – they must maintain distance from others and will not be permitted to hang over the glass.

Post-game:

- ✓ Check the gamesheet. Put on your mask and *ask the scorekeeper to fill in the officials names;* avoid touching the gamesheet itself if possible.
 - Have the scorekeeper to finish properly with directions, if needed.