

SECTION 10

Officials

The following are recommended guidelines for officiating in minor, female, junior and senior hockey.

On-Ice Officials

- Come fully dressed in uniform if possible.
- Personal towels only (officials should shower at home).
- If possible, hands should be washed prior to start of each period (officials can carry a small bottle of sanitizer with them on the ice).
- Wear a cloth mask when entering the arena when physical distancing cannot be followed such as in the dressing room (it may also be required by the facility). The cloth mask can be removed when going on to the ice. Continue to monitor public health authority guidelines specific to the wearing of masks.
- Have personal hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Have hand sanitizer in the penalty box for officials to use.
- Physical distancing is required in dressing rooms. Work with facility staff to see if more rooms are available, as well marked space/stalls within the dressing rooms. If the dressing room is small, a rotation system should be considered.
- Only game officials should be in the dressing room – no visitors.
- It is prohibited for officials to drink from water bottles belonging to skaters or goaltenders. If officials require water during a game, they should have their own water bottle at the penalty bench.
- Referees should verbally greet coaches as they generally do, but should not shake hands.
- When reporting penalties, do not speak through the hole in the glass – work from a distance.
- Some equipment should also be washed (jerseys, pant shells, etc.) after each session, following manufacturer guidelines. It is important that officials ensure equipment is kept clean.
- Work with the facility to see if the dressing room can be cleaned and sanitized after each use.