

# 2012-13 HRAO Officials Training Camp

Oswego State University

*Jeff Fulton*

*Hockey Referee Assigning Organization (HRAO)*

# AGENDA

- ▶ 7:15am – 7:50am – Officials Registration
- ▶ 8:00am - Introductions 8:00am - Jeff
- ▶ Review NCAA tournament selection process – Frank Cole
- ▶ Review new NCAA Arbiter site and content – Steve Piotrowski
- ▶ NCAA Video – Steve Piotrowski
- ▶ Review 2012 Rules Committee Annual Report – Steve Piotrowski
- ▶ 12pm – 2pm Skate
  - Referee's: 12pm – 1pm (linesman stay in class-room)
  - Linesman 1pm – 2pm (Referee's in class room)
  - New officials Last
- ▶ 2:00pm – 3:00 Group meeting – Jeff
  - Officials Standard
  - Women's Hockey Review
  - 3-man system

# **Review NCAA tournament selection process**

Frank Cole

# NCAA Arbiter site

Steve Piotrowski

# NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Video

Steve Piotrowski

# **Rules Committee Annual Report**

Steve Piotrowski

# On-Ice Ice Session

Jeff Fulton

# On Ice Testing

- ▶ Referee's on ice First
  - Review positioning with Steve P/Chris Ciamaga
  - 2 Groups for 3 minute drill
    - Group 1 – Even #'s (2, 4, 6, 8) in order by #
    - Group 2 – Odd #'s (1,3,5,7) in order by #
    - After skate report to class-room
- ▶ Linesman Second Group on Ice
  - Class room session with Chris Woodworth/Frasier McIntyre
  - Ice review of linesman duties.
  - 2 Groups for 3 minute drill
    - Group 1 – Even #'s (2, 4, 6, 8) in order by #
    - Group 2 – Odd #'s (1,3,5,7) in order by #
    - After skate report to class-room



# **2012-13 HRAO Information**

Jeff Fulton

# Coordinators of Officials

- ▶ **Jeff Fulton** – 585-615-4080, [jeffrey\\_fulton@emc.com](mailto:jeffrey_fulton@emc.com)
  - ▶ Mailing Address:
    - 38 Helmsford Way
    - Penfield, NY 14526
  - ▶ **Observers:**
    - Megan McKenzie
    - Paul Duffy
    - Mike Carroll
    - Barry Bedford
    - Mark Gilligan
- Rick Pratt

Ron Scales

# Coordinators

## Responsibilities

- ▶ Assignment of Regular Season Games
- ▶ SPOC for officiating with the SUNYAC, ECAC West Men's and Women's Hockey Leagues to coaches, AD's and League officials.
- ▶ Discipline of Officials
- ▶ Liaison between officials and coaches as it pertains to communication, rule changes and policies
- ▶ Assist with Supplementary Discipline
- ▶ Assignment of Playoff Games
- ▶ Recommend officials to NCAA for Tournament

# Officiating Systems

- ▶ *SUNYAC Men*: 4-man Officiating System
- ▶ *ECAC West Women*: 3-man Officiating System
- ▶ *ECAC West Men*: 3-man Officiating Systems
  - Exception: Elmira Men Non-League games – 4-man

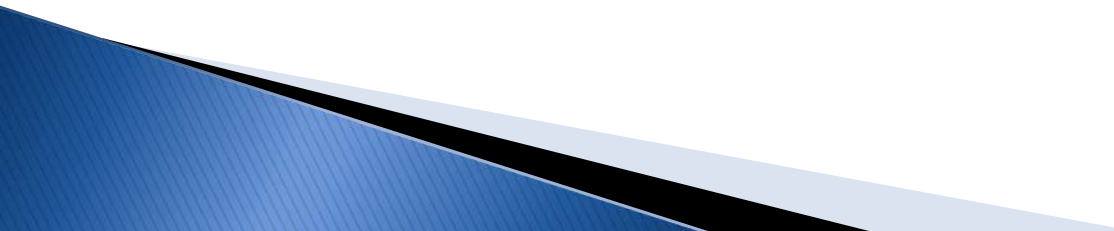
2013-14 – All D3 Men's will utilize 2 and 2 system

# Payment

- ▶ Referee – \$158
- ▶ Linesmen – \$102
  - Both 3 and 4 man systems
- ▶ Mileage – One car receives mileage and will be identified on game sheet. If that changes I MUST know 48 hours prior to contest
- ▶ Officiating Payment Service
  - December
  - February
  - No Playoffs!

# Payment

## **Schools that will pay officials directly**

- ▶ Cortland State Men & Women
  - ▶ Chatham Women
  - ▶ Elmira Men & Women
  - ▶ *All remaining will be paid through OPS*
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# Officials Standards

## ▶ **Language:**

- Do not under any circumstances, use inappropriate language before, during or after the contest. Any official who verbally abuses a player, coach or fan will be subjective to corrective action.

## ▶ **Dress Code:**

- Shirt and tie or turtle neck/mock neck are required apparel to and from arena.

## ▶ **Discipline:**

- If an official is disciplined he/she will be contacted in person or in writing. The situations will be reviewed with the official and reviewing a video-tape (if available). Not knowing a rule WILL result in certain disciplinary action!

# Officials Standards

## ▶ **Alcohol/Tobacco:**

- There will be NO alcohol or tobacco brought on campus or in a locker room by the game officials.

## ▶ **After Game Activities:**

- If you go for dinner after game. Please do so away from campus where players, coaches and fans may be in the establishment.

## ▶ **Contact with Coaches:**

- Contact with coaches must be kept to game situations only.
- If you have a personal relationship with a coach this must be communicated to HRAO staff immediately.
- A conversation before, during or after a game with a coach witnessed by an opposing coach, administrator, player or fan can have the look of impropriety.



# Officials Standards

## ► Uniforms:

- HRAO Warm-up Jacket with Small NCAA Crest on left breast
- Old school Sweater (No NHL Sweaters) with Number on back and Large NCAA Crest on Left Breast.
- Referee – Sewn on Orange Armbands
- Warm-ups and Sweaters to only to be worn for HRAO Games
- Visors are strongly recommended!

# NCAA Arbiter Site

## HRAO Requirements

- ▶ The exam closes October 5. I encourage everyone to join this year – the NCAA has a lot of content and updates throughout the season that will only be available on the site.
- ▶ ***To be eligible for HRAO playoffs and to be recommended for officiating in NCAA Tournament in the 2012-13 you must pass the test on arbiter.***
- ▶ Division I officials are required to pass the exam at 85 percent to be eligible for an assignment in the NCAA championship. It seems likely that Division III will follow suit next season.

# 2012-13

## Goals and Objectives

- ▶ Continue Current Standard of Enforcement
  - Continual emphasis and enforcement on **goalkeeper contact, checking from behind, contact to the head** and ***embellishment penalties (diving)*** .
  - Consistent, strict level of enforcement relating to impeding and obstruction fouls that take away a gained advantage. (Antenna up when stick comes up and player stops feet and reaches)
  - Penalize any player at a time during a contest who illegally takes away a gained advantage from another player.
  - **Diving is an issue!** Please keep tight control and discuss with partner on situation where you are un-sure.
  - **This is a Team effort !** To be successful we MUST work together as a league – that means officials, coaches and administrators!

# Assignments

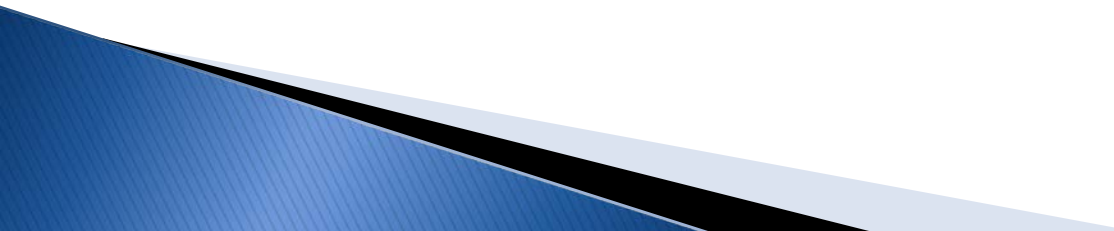
- ▶ All assignments will be issued from the HRAO league office through Horizon Web Ref Online Officiating System
- ▶ There will be 3 scheduling periods
  - October through December
  - January through February
  - Last 2 weeks of season
- ▶ All changes MUST be called in to Jeff AND approved.
- ▶ If you are assigned a game and it doesn't conflict with a closed out date, you are expected to accept the assignment.
- ▶ Playoff Assignments will be based on:
  - Minimum of 10 games in League
  - Attendance at Training Camp
  - Passing of test through arbiter
  - Observers Ratings
  - Turn-backs
  - Coaches Ratings
- ▶ The BEST Officials available WILL work!!

# Travel

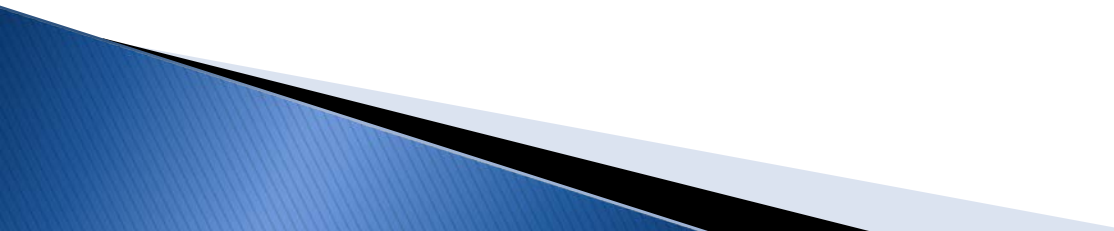
- ▶ Referee's travel – one will receive mileage.
- ▶ Expectations that travel will happen together – I will identify the driver with mileage on final game sheet. No exceptions one car receives mileage
- ▶ Please formulate a plan for rides 48 hours prior to game day.
- ▶ If you do NOT want to do this please let me know.
- ▶ All officials must be in arena 90 Minutes prior to official game time. If for any reason you're going to arrive late then contact me immediately. No exceptions to 5:30 arrival
- ▶ Be aware of weather and plan accordingly!

# Game Management

## Pre-Game

- ▶ Current NCAA Rule Book and Stick Gauge needs to be furnished by officials to the scorers table.
  - ▶ A private dressing room is required and restricted for HRAO Officials.
  - ▶ Dressing room is off limits to coaches, players, friends, family, etc
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# Game Management

- ▶ If a situations are complicated, if your unsure of penalty assessment or the severity of penalty use your partners to discuss prior to assessment.
  - ▶ It's a game of angles and sight lines – use your partners to verify and confirm if needed.
  - ▶ Use every resource you can to get the call right.
  - ▶ *Video doesn't lie – call the game and be consistent.*
  - ▶ You succeed or fail together as a team!
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# Game Management

## Between Periods

- ▶ When sharing the same exit, the team closest to the exit shall leave the ice first. (see new rule for coming on ice)
- ▶ Officials shall leave the ice immediately after the departure of players and team personnel at the conclusion of each period and after game.
- ▶ 12 to 15 Minutes shall be placed on the clock immediately upon departure of the ice surface by the officials.
- ▶ Starting 5 players shall remain on their half of the ice. All remaining players **MUST** go to bench!
- ▶ In the event of a tie after regulation, the respective teams shall stay on the ice, and after a two minute rest period, a five minute sudden death OT will be played.



# Game Management

## Post Game

- ▶ Teams clear the ice immediately after hand shake.
- ▶ All officials remain on ice until all players and personnel are off.
- ▶ Officials sign score-sheet – keep copy and send to
  - Jeff Fulton at the Conference Office:  
38 Helmsford Way  
Penfield NY 14526
- ▶ **NO Discussions with Coaches after period ends!! Tell coach you will meet them at bench prior to next period. After discussion meet with other coach to ‘summarize’ what conversation consisted of.**

# Referee's Responsibilities

- ▶ Referees are the game managers, they are responsible for ALL activities on the ice.
- ▶ Referees are the communicator to everyone involved in the game. Team Captains are your direct interface to the teams.
- ▶ If you feel the situation is difficult or complicated, you should communicate directly with coach.
- ▶ If you speak to one coach, make sure the other is addressed as well.
- ▶ After the national anthem, **REFEREE's** greet each coach and spend no more than 10 seconds with each coach. This is the one time that you can show your personal side. Be professional and treat both coaches consistently. **LINESMAN** need to check Goaltenders chin strap and meet referee's at center ice.
- ▶ During Pre-Game warm-up – the Linesman should take position across center ice Red Line from each other and watch players. Referee's may roam.
- ▶ National Anthem – All 4 in center circle and R's on each side of center ice dot with one or both linesman on either side of them. Helmets in Hand
- ▶ Safety never takes a day off!!! Wear your helmets in warm-ups!

# Referee's Responsibilities

- ▶ Report all disallowed goals, or if a goal light is turned on in error. Please report to score keeper so an announcement can be made.
- ▶ When explaining situations to the coaches make sure you know the rule. It is not a time to debate but to explain. **STICK TO THE FACTS AND RULE**
- ▶ After a Goal – Referee not reporting goals go to center ice and drops puck.
- ▶ One Linesman needs to be with a Referee at bench when speaking with a coach
- ▶ Hustle – Laziness will not be tolerated
- ▶ Sign Score Sheet and mail to Jeff – **ENSURE THAT ALL PENALTIES ARE CLEAR AND ACCURATE.**

# Officials Standards

## ► Contact:

- If a situation occurs during the game that the officials feel the coordinator will receive a call – I want to hear from you first.
- *Game Misconducts* and *Game Disqualifications* **must be** reported through HRAO Horizon Web Ref online form within 8 hours of game completion
- I can defend judgment on the ice – I can not defend not knowing the rules.
- “A no comment can’t be misquoted” – stick to facts and rules with coaches and players.

# Coaches Behavior

- ▶ We as Officials must realize when a coach loses control, it is for a reason. Whether the reason is justified or not is secondary. Our role as officials is to defuse the situation and return the game to normality. There are many acceptable procedures to handle these situations.
- ▶ *Ignoring the behavior is NOT one of them.*
- ▶ Coaches will “work the officials” and that is acceptable – personal comments need to be addresses immediately.
- ▶ Don’t put yourself in a position on the ice (between periods or after game) where a coaches exit is near you.
- ▶ If the situation is complicated take the time to explain to coach. It’s not time to debate or argue but to communicate the situation.

# Women College Hockey

*Jeff Fulton \* Megan MacKenzie*

# ECAC West Women's Hockey

- ▶ Please review NCAA Women's Video
- ▶ Body Contact Issues:
  - Smaller players vs. Larger Players
  - Review of Body Contact
    - Shoulder to shoulder contact
    - Separate player from the puck
    - Goaltender Contact
    - Checking from behind
- ▶ R-E-S-P-E-C-T and Professionalism
- ▶ Communication with Coaches

# **Review of 2 and 1 Officiating System**



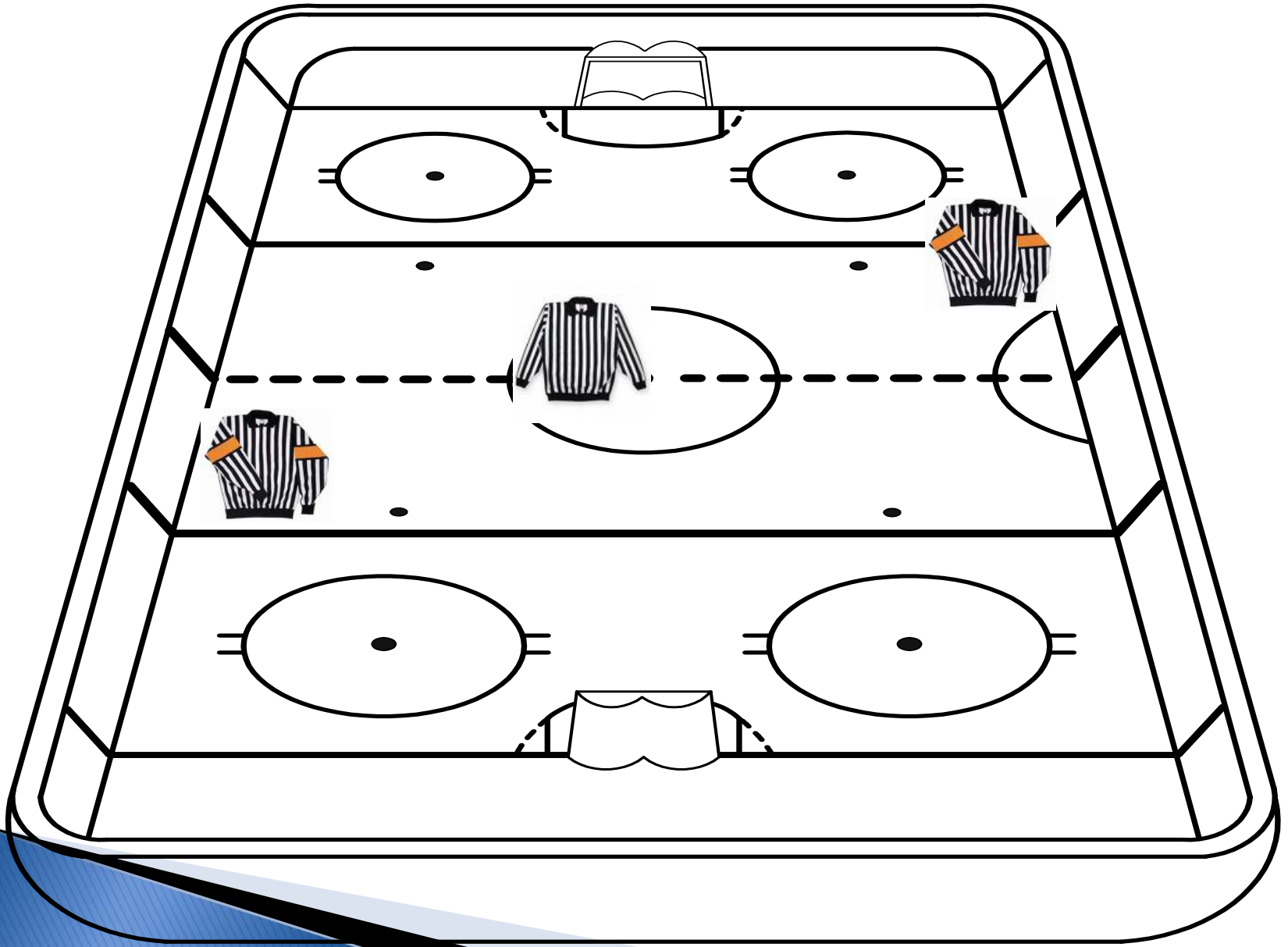
# Positioning Review

- ▶ Positioning for Center Ice Faceoff
- ▶ “Bumping” the Linesman
- ▶ Faceoff considerations
  - Referees should create the best sight line to enforce faceoff interference violations
- ▶ Special Situations

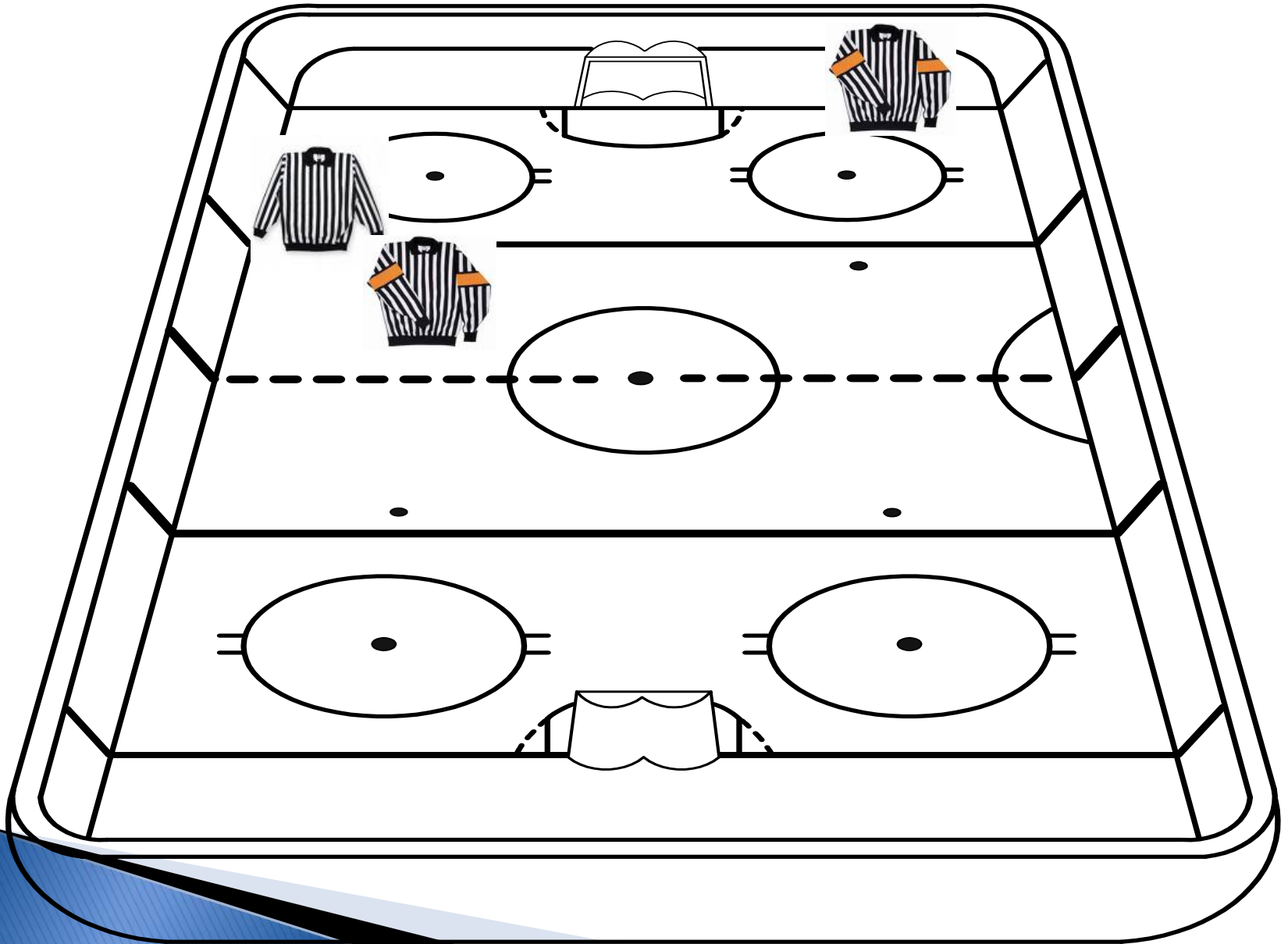
# “Bumping the Linesman”

- ▶ Bumping the Linesman to center ice allows the officials to work together as a team and have maximum coverage of the ice surface.
- ▶ Only “bump” when play is well established in an end zone
  - Puck should be controlled below the top of the circles by offensive team before the switch occurs

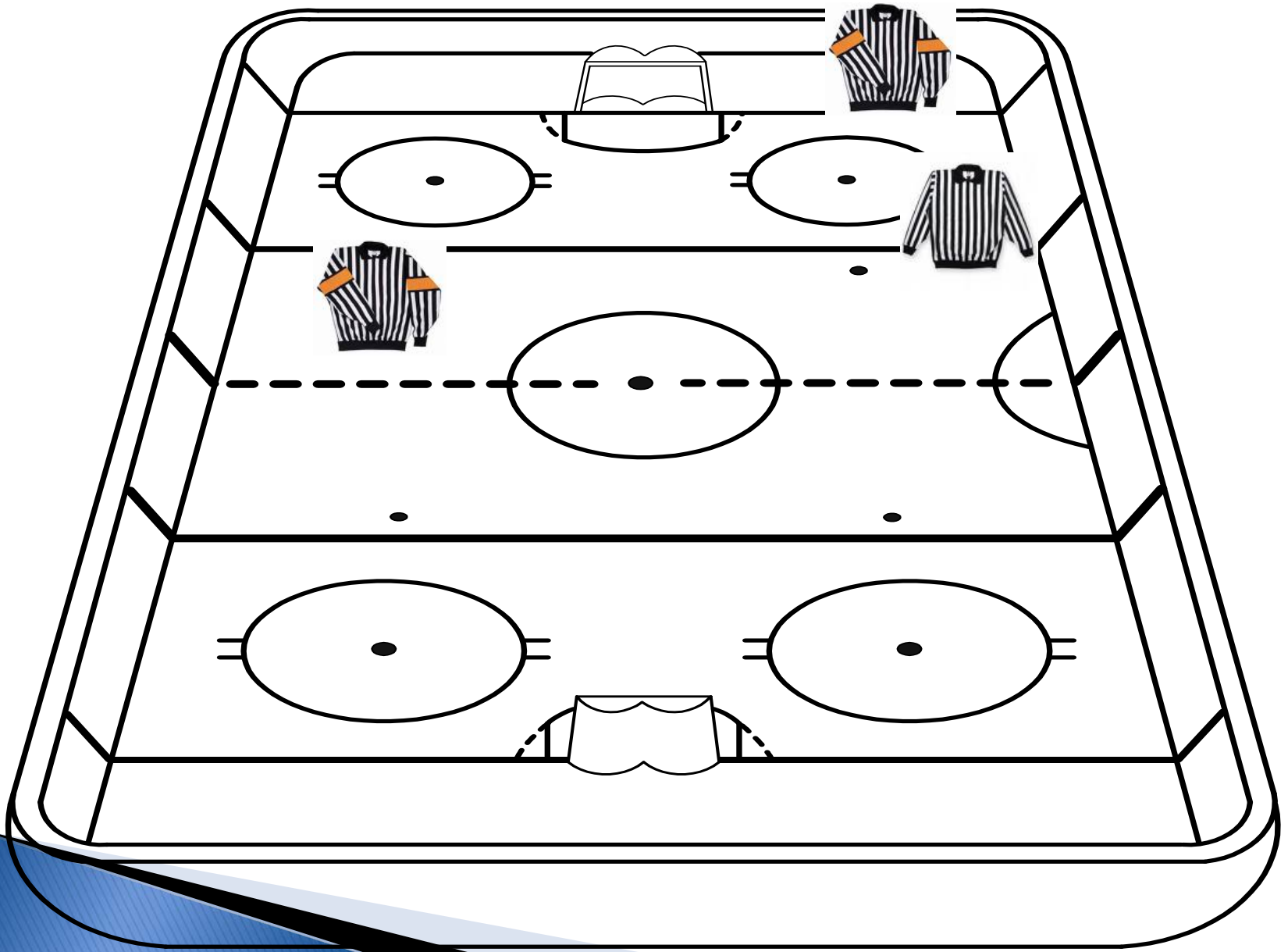
# Movement After Center Ice Faceoff



# After Play is Established



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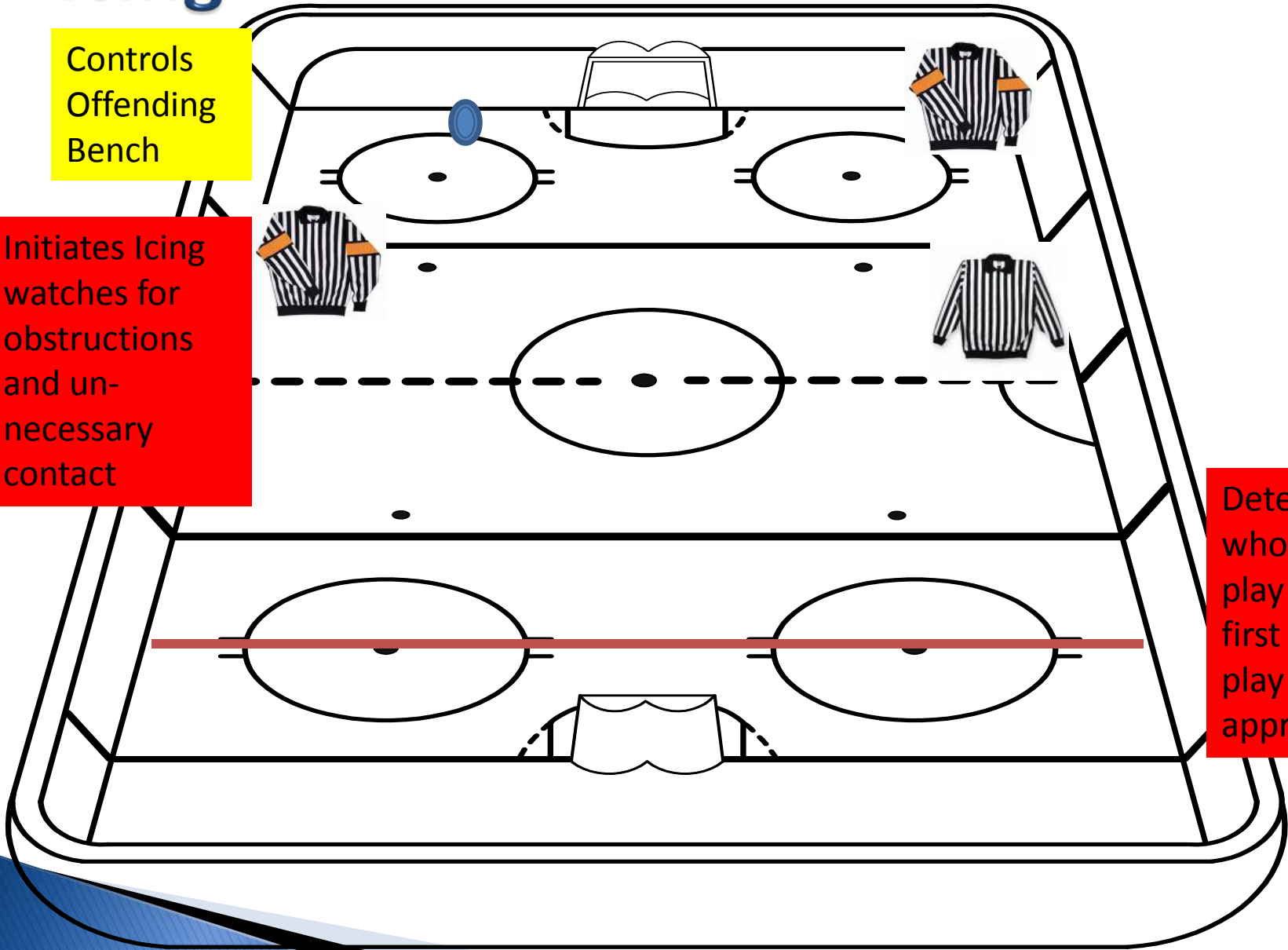


# Icing

Controls  
Offending  
Bench

Initiates Icing  
watches for  
obstructions  
and un-  
necessary  
contact

Determines  
who would  
play the puck  
first and stops  
play if  
appropriate



# Teamwork

- ▶ Teamwork is the key.....
  - No Official should be positioned on the center red line when play is in the neutral zone.
  - Linesman find a blue line and stay on it
  - Anticipate direction of play.
  - Any Official can start an icing, anyone can call an offside violation. Work together for success!!!

# Congratulations

## ▶ NCAA Division III Women's Tournament:

### ◦ Referee's:

- Marc Remillard (NCG & Semi)
- Scott Prim (Qtr)
- Will O'Malley (Qtr)

### ◦ Linesman:

- Mark Bestram (Semi & Qtr)
- David Panek (Qtr)



# Congratulations

## ▶ NCAA Division III Men's Tournament:

### ◦ Referee's:

- Joel Dupree (NCG, Semi and Qtr)
- Mike Jones (Qtr)
- John Everett (Qtr – Backup in LP)

### ◦ Linesman:

- Craig Florkowski (NCG, Semi, Qtr)
- Frasier McIntyre (NCG, Semi, Qtr)
- Will O'Malley (Semi, Qtr)
- Chris Woodworth (Semi, Qtr)

# Congratulations

## ▶ NCAA Division I Men's Tournament:

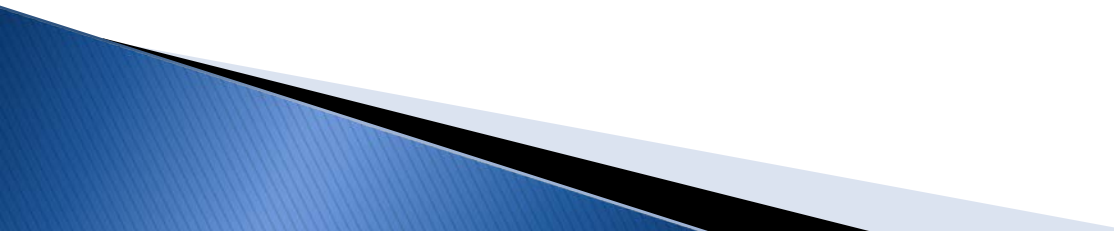
### ◦ Referee's:

- Pete Feola (NCG)
- Tom Kotyra (NCG)

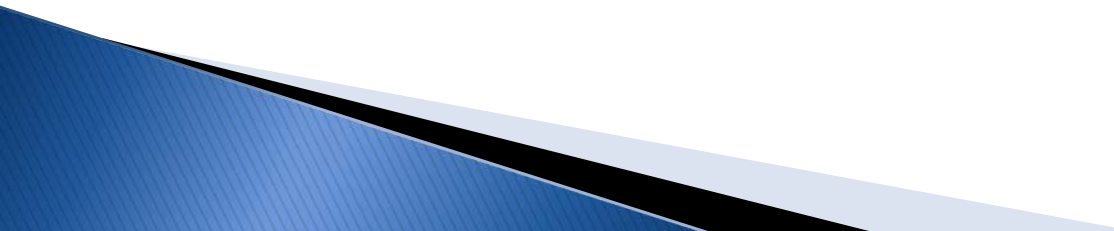
### ◦ Linesman:

- Dave Brown (NCG)

# Next Steps

1. Availability Updated by ASAP for other leagues
  2. Ensure all contact info in Horizon is accurate
  3. Take online Test – Arbiter
  4. Order Warm-up and Number
  5. I will email slide set out to all officials and coaches
  6. Re-assignments for officials not attending camp.
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# Professionalism

- ▶ Take pride in being part of this staff!
  - ▶ Recognize it's a Privilege to be part of the team and no one is entitled to be here.
  - ▶ We have made great strides over the last 2 years please keep the momentum by being professional on and off the ice.
  - ▶ Work hard each and every game
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# Closing

Questions???

Have a Great Season!