



alberta lacrosse referees association

Responsibilities of 'Penalty Box' volunteers

First, thanks for volunteering. Your input helps the players and officials conduct a safe and efficient game.

Offensive Timekeeper (30 second shot clock)

- operate the thirty-second clock during all possessions (including when short-handed)
- the thirty seconds should start when the team gets possession & control of the ball on any restart
- after a face-off, the clock should start when one of the teams gains possession, not when the Referee blows the play in
- the thirty seconds ends when the other team gains possession & control of the ball or there is a shot on net (only when the Referee signals this) or for a dead ball stoppage (face-off or penalty)
- time-outs: when a team requests & is granted a time-out, make note of the time remaining on the shot clock, run down a fresh 30 seconds to time the time-out; then re-set the clock for the time the team had remaining when the time-out was granted

Game Timekeeper

- run the game clock for pre-game warm-ups, periods, intermissions
- Junior and Senior lacrosse: the clock stops for every whistle stoppage; minor divisions: the clock stops for goals, penalties and injuries only
- post the penalties on the clock if available
- keep track of when penalties start and end; coincident and multiple penalties can start to get complicated but this is extremely important in the running of the game
- it is only on your authority that players may leave the penalty bench (at expiration of the penalty or at the end of a period); remember that the Referee must signal for the players to leave their benches or the penalty box at the end of a period

Official Scorer (on reverse)

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- before the game, ensure both clubs have printed the names (first & last) of all players in uniform; captains & goalkeepers are designated; non-playing personnel are listed; complete all applicable info (location, dates, series, etc) and ensure the coach or manager of each team has signed the scoresheet; then hand the scoresheet to the Referees for inspection
- keep track of all goals (time, player numbers, assists) and penalties (start & stop time, player numbers, type of infraction) on the scoresheet; attached is a sheet showing all the penalty signals the Referee might use
- advise the Referee when a player receives a fourth penalty, a fifth penalty, a second major, or a second ten-minute misconduct (expulsion)
- keep track of total time-served penalties (ie. 2's & 5's) for each team, in case that info must be used to award possession after coincident penalties
- at the end of the game, complete the information regarding scoring and penalties, specifically, tallying up penalty minutes for both teams (not the number of penalties), and tallying up the number of goals that were scored by period

Any questions, ask the Referee on the floor.