



The Referee's Crease

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GAME MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR LINESMEN – AFTER PENALTIES

Game management for linesman after penalties is much more than simply getting the right player into the proper penalty box. Generally speaking, it involves being aware of the game situation, working with your partner to calm any disputes and ensuring that nothing you do contributes to an escalation of the game's emotions.

Awareness of the game situation is important because as a back linesmen on a delayed penalty, you are responsible to watch the goalie and the player substituting for him to ensure that there is no premature substitution – **R 2.5 (f), note 3** - the 10 foot rule (by comparison, the goal line is 11 feet from the end boards on a standard rink - **R. 1.3 (a)**).

If a penalty takes place in the attacking zone, a relatively easy way to make sure no premature substitution takes place is to get the coach's attention and through some type of hand signal, let him know when it is okay to make the substitution.

If you are on the bench side of the ice, positioning yourself 10 feet from that bench's nearest gate allows you to mirror the goalie and see when he is near enough to the bench for the substitution.

If a single penalty is being called, it is the responsibility of the back linesmen to contain and escort the penalized player to the penalty bench.

If players from both teams are being assessed penalties, each linesman escorts one penalized player to that team's penalty bench. It is important that the linesmen remain between the penalized players until they are in the box.

(REFS - In this situation, it is wise for the referee to stay with the remaining players until the linesmen have returned to the zone, at which time the referee will move to the penalty box and report the penalties - remember, you always want to maintain a presence with the players on the ice).

If the pending penalty is either a goaltender penalty or a penalty which will remove a player from the game, the linesmen must get the numbers of the offending team's players on the ice at the time of the infraction. The linesmen must ensure that one of the players from the ice serves the penalty. If necessary, one linesman should advise the offending team's coach of the numbers of the players who are eligible to serve the penalty, while the other linesman removes the penalized player from the ice.

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