

Position Responsibilities of 2 Man Mechanics

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The following outline will serve as a guide to numbered field diagrams for the 2 Man Mechanics Power Point Presentation found on the web page (www.zlax.net). Certain circumstances during the course of the game may change the alignment somewhat from what is diagrammed. The Referee on the game has the final say, and he may choose to alter the positions somewhat during the game to better cover the field, or to concentrate on some particular part of the game. Follow his lead, but remember the diagrams are done with the basic game in mind.

Not listed in the diagrams, but considered very important is all of the pre - game work that the officials complete. On weekend games, when officials usually have more time, a good practice to get into is to have a pre-game meeting. This will usually vary in length with the amount of times that you have worked with a particular official. Even if you have worked with an official many times, you should still sit down before the game and refresh in your minds how you are going to handle situations that will come up during the contest. On the College level, frequently you will have to discuss bulletins that get released from the National Coordinator of Officials. At times these bulletins can have a major impact on how the game gets called. Use these meetings to get your mind working and start thinking of the upcoming game. Never leave yourself open to being caught unprepared. After the pre-game is completed and about 25 minutes before game time, you and your partner should head out to walk the field. (Sometimes officials meet at the field first to check for proper markings, condition of the goals, and all legal aspects before they have their pre-game). While walking the field you should be checking for any obstacles on the field, the uniforms of the teams, and anything else that might be pertinent to the game. Once that you have walked the field, you and your partner should go to the Home Head Coach, introduce yourselves, and certify him and his team for the game. After certification you should ask the coach for his captains and in-home for the game. Follow this up with a question of any special events that might be taking place either before the game or at half time. Check the time on the clock or on your wrist with him to verify the time remaining before the start. Notify him what time you will be calling for captains. Once this is done, go to the Visiting Head Coach introduce yourselves, and certify him. If there is going to be some special events taking place be sure to inform the Visiting Coach. Obtain the visiting team captains, in-home and verify the time with this coach also. Let them know when you will be calling for captains.

Now is a good time to walk around the players to check for proper equipment. Some of the players will be sure to come up to you to ask for a stick check. While you getting out your tape measure, ask them to show you their gloves, mouthpiece, cleats, etc. If the stick is legal, tell the player that “as of right now the stick is legal!” If a stick is too narrow or the pocket is too deep have them adjust it and bring it back to you for another check. Now you should be just about ready to get the game underway.

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SLIDE #2 Zones of the Field

This slide breaks down the field into zones of where we as officials would count. Defensive Zone is where the goalie makes the save, and then the defensive team has 20 seconds to move the ball over midfield. Zone #3 starts the 10-second count until the ball enters Zone #4. Once the ball enters Zone #4 or hits someone in Zone #4 the count is completed. If the offensive team brings the ball out of Zone #4 a new 10-second count is started by the officials.

SLIDE #3 OFFICIAL TERMINOLOGY

All officials must become familiar with these words or phrases when officiating a game. Knowing these different terms will enhance your learning and you will be able to communicate with other officials more easily.

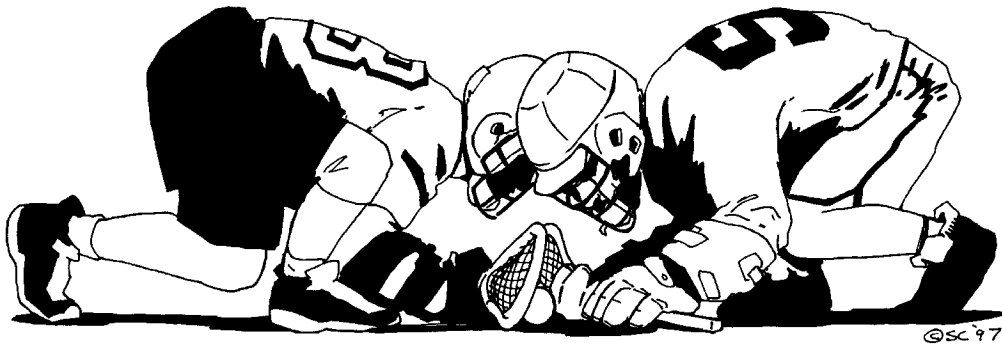
Slide #4 Coin Toss

This is the first opportunity to show the players that you and your partner are ready for the game, and that you will be operating as a team. Make all of your motions efficient and direct. Referee will go to the corner of the box (Home Team) and call for the Captains, and introduce himself. Don't go yelling in the middle of the field. Be in position before you call for the Captains. The Umpire will be doing the same actions at the other end of the field, (Visiting Team) and he will also be finding out who will be calling the coin toss. The Referee should leave about 5 steps ahead of the Umpire heading out to the Center "X" for the coin toss. This will allow the Referee time to get the Home team set up, and facing the bench. The Umpire now comes out with his Captains and introduces them to the Referee. While the Referee is shaking the hands of the Visiting team, the Umpire is doing the same with the Home team. The Umpire and the Referee (back to sun) will be on opposite sides of the midfield line. Before the coin toss starts, the Umpire will have positioned the speaking Captain next to the referee, and asked him what he would like to call. The Referee will show the teams the coin to be used. The Referee will repeat the choice of the Visiting Captain, and then flip the coin. He will catch the coin in his open palm and will not flip it over. He will then show it to both teams. The teams should rotate to have their backs to the goal that they will be defending. The team winning the toss, will then have their choice of alternating possession or end of field to defend. Referee will then tap this teams Captain on the shoulder and inform them that they will be entitled to the first alternate possession should that rule come into play. Next he will tell the Captains that their left shoulders should be facing the goals that they will be defending when the come back out for the Line Up. The Referee will then go over any ground rules, and have the Captains shake hands again. The Umpire and the Referee will then check both nets again for holes, and extra lacrosse balls. The Referee will then go to the table area and check with the table personnel again to make sure that everything is in order. The Umpire checks for ball personnel, or an adequate supply of lacrosse balls (minimum 4 balls) on each endline. The Referee will then sound his whistle to bring the teams out for the Line Up.

Slide #5 Line Up

The Home team will come out and line up on the Referee, and the Visiting team will line up on the Umpire. The teams should be 5 yards apart and facing each other. The goalies should be at the end of the line with their teammates. The teams should have their left shoulder to the goals they are defending. The Referee will introduce himself and his partner to the teams, and then he will cover any important ground rules. He will quickly cover any equipment concerns, and then he will have the goalies meet to shake hands. After the goalies have left, he will have the teams cross to meet their opponent. The Referee will usually take the first Face-Off, and run the far side of the field. This is up to each individual Referee. At the Face-Off the Referee will ensure that both teams go down to the ball together, come up to but not touching the line, and not across the midline. Everything must be to the left of the throat of the crosse, both hands wrapped firmly around the Crosse and on the ground, with no part of either man in the neutral zone. When both players are ready, he will then sound his whistle while chopping his arm. 99% of the calls in this face-off area will be done by the Face-Off official. When possession is gained he will wind his arm and call out “possession”. The other official should mirror his partner, and call out possession.

Slide #6 Opening Face-Off (ball goes away)



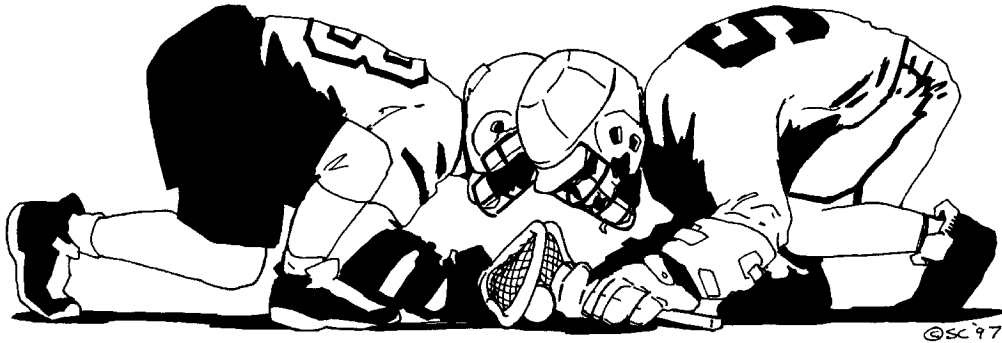
Referee (Trail) Responsibilities:

- 1) check both sticks for legality before initial face-off
- 2) wait for signal from your partner
- 3) ensure proper face-off positions for both teams.
- 4) call any infractions in the immediate area
- 5) stay with ball unless it crosses to other half of field (eye contact w/partner)
- 6) wind arm when possession has been gained (call out possession) Be sure!
- 7) stay wide of play, and move to far sideline
- 8) check for offside
- 9) follow into the offensive box

Lead Responsibilities: (Non Face-Off Official)

- 1) come up towards the midline to help with face-off positioning, beeper on
- 2) be sure that proper amount of players are on the field, or in penalty box
- 3) signal Face-Off Official that you are ready
- 4) watch wing line in front of you for violations
- 5) watch top of box to be sure there are no violations
- 6) if ball rolls towards you, signal possession and wind
- 7) be sure to get to goal line for coverage
- 8) take count going in

Slide #7 Face-Off (ball rolls to you)



Face-Off Official (Lead) Responsibilities:

- 1) check for legality of face-off men's sticks
- 2) wait for signal from partner
- 3) ensure proper face positions for both teams.
- 4) call any infractions in the immediate area
- 5) stay with ball unless it crosses to other half of field (make eye contact)
- 5) wind arm when possession has been gained (call out possession)
- 6) stay wide of play
- 7) move to goal line for coverage as soon as possible
- 8) take count of the ball coming into attack goal area

Trail Responsibilities: (Non Face-Off Official)

- 1) work up towards midline to help face-off official, beeper on
- 2) be sure that proper amount of players are on the field, or in penalty box
- 3) signal Face-Off (Lead) that you are ready
- 4) watch wing line in front of you for violations
- 5) watch top of box to be sure there are no violations
- 6) come up with the play, and check for offsides
- 7) check for any substitutions, and jog into play

Slide #8 & Slide # 9 Goal scored--Face-Off

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) close into the crease, sound whistle and signal goal (2-3 seconds)
- 2) get ball out of net (either you or goalie, but don't ask goalie)
- 3) jog to top of box, and flip ball to Trail
- 4) exchange number of person scoring goal, jog to your position
- 5) activate beeper when ball is ready
- 6) fill out scorecard, check for proper amount of players
- 7) point to partner (Face-Off official). Shut off beeper if all is clear!

Trail Responsibilities:

- 1) close in towards the crease while watching players
- 2) move towards top of box, watching crease area while partner is getting ball out of the goal
- 3) get ball from Lead, exchange number of person scoring goal
- 4) turn and jog to Center "X" (step over midfield, and turn around)
- 5) put ball on ground, and stand over it (or cover with foot)
- 6) fill out scorecard, and wait for signal from partner
- 7) call both teams in for Face-Off (follow face-off mechanics)

Slide #10 Penalty Enforcement

Trail responsibilities:

- 1) throw flag up in the air, and call out “flag down”
- 2) stop the play at appropriate time (Remember “continuation flag down)
- 3) signal to your partner what the penalty was
- 4) get out into the open and move slightly towards bench side
- 5) signal penalty (color, number, type, duration) to table area (be sure they have it correct), activate beeper
- 6) jog back to pick up flag and get into position
- 7) signal partner that you are ready, shut off beeper if all is set
- 8) start play if you are the “on” official
- 9) Trail will ALWAYS report penalty to table area.

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) stop the play at the appropriate time if you become the “on” official
- 2) get the signal from your partner as to what the penalty was
- 3) retrieve the ball, and get it ready for play
- 4) inform goalie and defense of the penalty, and location of the ball if “On” official
- 5) start play if you are the “on” official once the Trail gets back from reporting the foul

Diagram #11 Man down Face-Off

Face-Off official’s Responsibilities:

- 1) wait for signal from partner, and check for an attack player coming up to take the vacant wing position. Watch for offsides
- 2) ensure proper Face-Off positions for both teams.
- 3) call any infractions in the immediate area
- 4) stay with ball unless it crosses to other half of field (make eye contact)

Bench Side Official’s Responsibilities:

- 1) move up towards the midline, activate beeper
- 2) be sure that proper amount of players are on the field and in penalty box
- 3) be aware of an attackman coming up to fill the vacant wing area
- 4) signal Face-Off official that you are ready, shut off beeper if all clear
- 5) watch wing line in front of you for violations
- 6) watch top of box to be sure there are no violations
- 7) watch for person leaving penalty box on time.
- 8) goal line coverage if ball comes your way.

Slide #12 Time Out Procedure

Trail Responsibilities:

- 1) **signal and sound whistle for time out, jog to midline (check proper time out requirements)**
- 2) **point to team requesting time out**
- 3) **watch and wait as teams cross over to their benches**
- 4) **remain in position on midline, mark your scorecard for the timeout, and be aware of where ball will start. Wait until teams are in huddle**
- 5) **Meet with your partner at the Center “X”, discuss mechanics if necessary**
- 6) **After 1:40 has elapsed, sound whistle, pump arm, and activate beeper**
- 7) **When the team that requested the timeout is ready to go, or 1:40 has elapsed on your watch, sound your whistle, pump your arm and activate beeper. Be sure the proper number of players are on the field, (penalty box) and signal that you are ready to your partner.**

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) **if you are the “on” official, signal timeout and move towards the benches**
- 2) **line up on the center “X” and watch as the teams cross over**
- 3) **watch for coaches actions**
- 4) **fill out scorecard after your partner arrives (1 person at a time)**
- 5) **after you meet with your partner, jog back into position**
- 7) **Let the goalie, and everyone else know where the ball will be starting**
- 8) **after you get the “ready” signal from your partner, whistle and wind ball back into play**

Slide #13 Fight Procedure

Trail Responsibilities:

- 1) if the fight breaks out on the far side of the field from you, your primary responsibility is to freeze the team benches with the coaches.
- 2) take down any numbers of players crossing the line coming onto the field
- 3) have the coaches help you with control, use your whistle
- 4) give coaches some leeway with their coming on the field. Be sure that they are taking care of their players, and not going to the field to join in the fight. **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO HELP YOU!**
- 5) once you are sure of the bench area, go and help your partner.

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) try to get between the participants before they start if possible
- 2) if the fight has already started, stay close by and sound your whistle
- 3) keep other players from jumping in, or getting started
- 4) don't grab or pull players out of the pile---this could be a lawsuit waiting to happen
- 5) get the numbers of the players fighting or throwing punches
- 6) be very certain of the numbers that you write down as this person will be ejected from the current game, and the next game also. **Don't Guess!!**
- 7) after it settles down, briefly meet with your partner and administer the fouls.

Slide #14 2nd Fight Procedure (Different Location)

Trail Responsibilities:

- 1) fight breaks out in front of you on the bench side
- 2) try to stop the players before it gets going (get in between, blow whistle)
- 3) get the correct numbers of the participants
- 4) get together with your partner to organize the fouls

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) get across the field as quickly as possible
- 2) watch the benches on the way there
- 3) take note of anyone leaving the bench area
- 4) freeze benches with whistle and voice
- 5) have coaches assist with freezing the benches
- 6) make a note of the player (s) that are fighting
- 7) briefly get together with your partner to get the violations correct

Slide #15

Settled Situations

Trail Responsibilities:

- 1) be aware of who is “On” and who is the “Off” official, communicate
- 2) keep the play in front of you, keep moving to improve your angle
- 3) you have the sideline near the benches, and all balls rolling toward
midfield
- 4) primary offside call
- 5) 10 second count when the ball comes out the back of the box, or out the
side of the box on the bench side
- 6) beeper on all regular substitutions
- 7) All penalty relays
- 8) coaches calling for timeouts (must meet requirements)
- 9) goal coverage if Lead gets pushed way off the play
- 10) late hits in front of the goal, taunting, etc.
- 11) becoming the new Lead on transitions

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) be aware of who is the “On” official, and who is “Off”
- 2) goal line coverage
- 3) endline coverage on a shot, and for a pass
- 4) 10 second count for side of box away from benches
- 5) DON’T let the ball get behind you
- 6) close on the crease when the ball is away from you
- 7) keep moving to improve your angle
- 8) talk with your partner (eye contact)

Slide #16

On and Off Official

The responsibilities for the Lead and the Trail are covered in the list above for Settled Situations. It is most important to talk with your partner to determine who is watching the ball, and who has the rest of the players. Too often both officials will watch or follow the ball, and a violation will be missed.

Slide # 17 Transition

Old Trail Responsibilities: (New Lead)

- 1) break for midfield when goalie makes save
- 2) check back for ball before you get to midfield, quick check for offsides
- 3) if ball is still coming up field, continue to offensive box
- 4) pick up 10 second count as ball comes over midline in possession
- 5) get to goal line as ball keeps coming
- 6) signal your partner when the ball has entered offensive box
- 7) be in position to signal goal, or get to endline for ball out of bounds

Old Lead Responsibilities: (New Trail)

- 1) after save, goalie 4 second count
- 2) “play on” for any crease violations
- 3) continue with 20 second beeper in Defensive zone.
- 4) be aware of intercepted passes
- 5) check for offsides (Primary call)
- 6) take the count if ball comes out the back of the box
- 7) be ready for transition the opposite direction

Slide # 18 Free Clear

Old Trail Responsibilities: (New Lead)

- 1) go to midfield area, and announce to bench/table area what the call was
- 2) get into position on the goalline extended, inform goalie of location of the ball

Old Lead Responsibilities: (New Trail)

- 1) hustle to get ball, and get it to midfield
- 2) be sure that it starts 1 step over midfield
- 3) provide the offensive player with his 5 yard area
- 4) sound whistle to start the play, and start count
- 5) signal partner when ball enters box in front of you

Slide # 19 Equipment Check

NOTE: If you ask a player for his stick, and he either adjusts the strings or pushes the stick head into the ground it is an automatic flag, and a 1-minute Unsportsmanlike Conduct Four Non-Releasable. Then measure the stick.

Trail Responsibilities:

- 1) when period ends, Trail jogs over the midline and waits on the end of the far wing area (This may be conducted during a time out)
- 2) if ball is near you when period ends bring it with you (ask ball person)
- 3) select your player (impact player, if possible) and take stick to "X"
- 4) send him off to his huddle.
- 5) Referee will measure both sticks, and will determine legality.
- 7) write down number of player that you checked, (1st half only) return stick after Referee has completed everything he needs to do
- 8) will have beeper and whistle to resume play
- 9) NOTE: all equipment will be checked when it is a Coaches request.

Lead Responsibilities:

- 1) must jog across the field to nearest wing area
- 2) bring ball if play stopped near you
- 3) select your player (impact player, if possible)
- 5) send him off to his huddle.
- 6) bring stick out to the Center "X"
- 7) Referee will measure both sticks, and will determine the legality.
- 8) write down number of player that you checked, (1st half only) return stick after Referee finishes
- 9) jog back to position, and inform goalie of the position of the ball

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