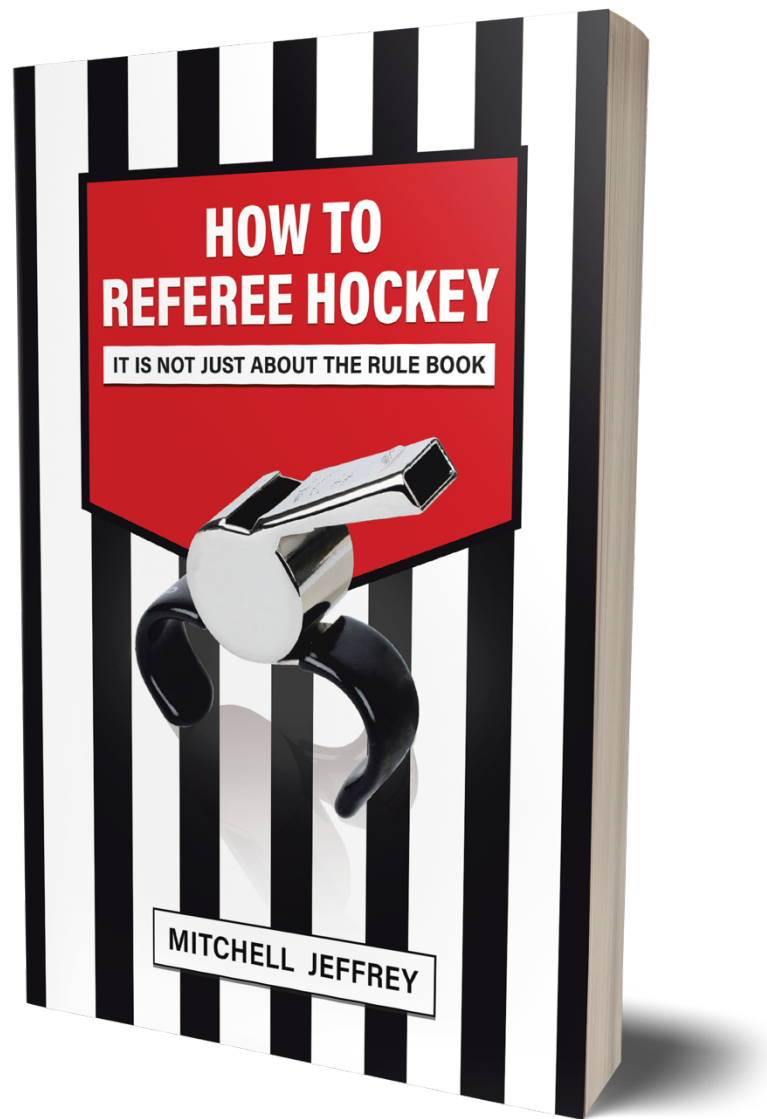




Excerpt 2

Goalie Stops Play & Sight Lines

Goalie Covers the Puck Procedure 1: The Referee

The referee's role when the goalie has covered the puck includes determining that the puck is frozen, blowing the whistle, and encouraging players to separate. The procedure for this task is similar to the Two-Official System's official at-the-net:

1. I am currently in home base or half-piston and I see the puck hit the goalie. Since the puck is now at the crease, I take at least two hard strides and quickly get to at-the-net position.
2. I have lost sight of the puck and I blow my whistle loud and for an appropriate amount of time so that the entire arena hears. I keep my momentum going to the net even though I have blown my whistle.
3. I am now finished at-the-net so that I can see all the players and talk to them. If there is an altercation I use my voice and whistle to try to get them to stop. The linespeople are now arriving from the blue line to get between players.
4. As the players separate, I stay at-the-net or just below the goal line to be able to see all the players as they separate and either go for a line change or set up for the faceoff.
5. As the players are separating, one linesperson is escorting the players to the benches and the other is retrieving the puck. I now move out from at-the-net position to take a position at the top of the circle where both benches can see me while I complete the line change procedure.

As in the Two-Official System, #3 is about finishing at-the-net, which is above the goal line (Image 21 on the next page shows the referee finishing at the net). However, after the goalie covers the puck and play is stopped, the referee may drop down below the goal line to open up their field of vision (Image 22) to see as much of the ice as possible. As with the Two-Official System, dropping below the net provides the referee a better view of the ice surface when play has stopped. Remember that dropping below the net and staying there is only recommended with play stopped. During play, return to the piston system as soon as safe to do so.

Goalie Covers the Puck Procedure 2: The Linespeople

The role of the linespeople when the goalie covers the puck is similar to the procedure of the blue line official in the Two-Official System. As the players separate, one linesperson takes on the role of managing the faceoff while the other supervises the line change at the benches. Here is the procedure for the linespeople:

1. I see the referee start to bring the whistle to her mouth to stop play and I take a step into the zone before the whistle goes.
2. The whistle goes and I am already taking a second hard step to accelerate. I take a quick look around to make sure there are no altercations.
3. There are no other altercations so I skate hard into the slot.
4. When I arrive in the slot, I physically place myself with the players. I talk to one player quietly but the referee remains louder than I am. I continue to look around, watching for other altercations.
5. The players are separating with no issues and going for line change. I make eye contact with my lining partner and confirm that I will go to supervise the players at the bench while she prepares the next faceoff.

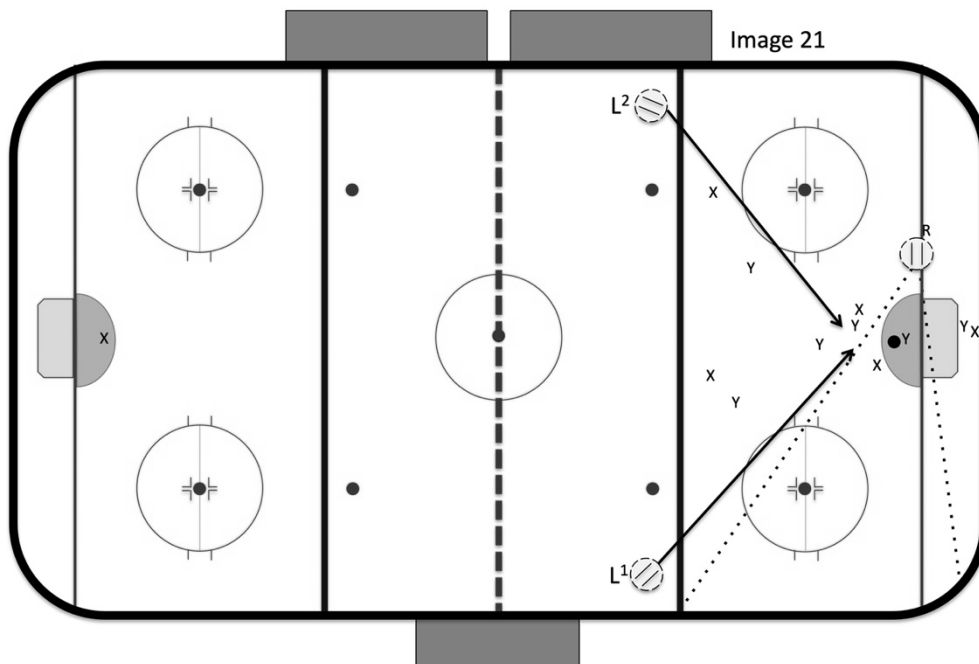


Image 21: at the whistle the referee finishes at-the-net and can see everything between the end boards and the top of the circle. Black arrows represent movement of the liners coming into the zone at the whistle.

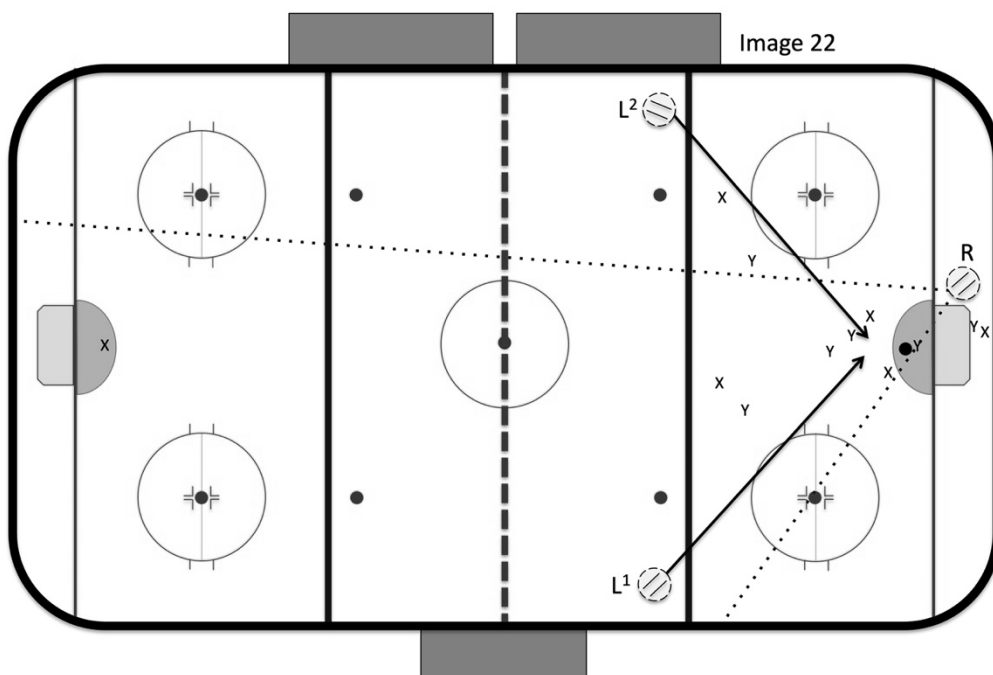


Image 22: at the whistle the referee finishes at-the-net then drops below the goal line to increase her ability to see all the players and the benches. Black arrows represent movement of the liners coming into the zone at the whistle.

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