

WIAA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SERIES: LINE CHANGE PROCEDURE

Highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.

WIAA 15 Second Face-Off Application

Rule 2-5-d Face-Offs
15-Second Face-Off Procedure
3 Official System

After any stoppage of play, the visiting team shall promptly place a line-up on the ice ready for play. The visiting team has up to five seconds to change players.

Once the visiting team has made their player change OR 5 seconds has elapsed, the Referee (deepest in the attacking zone) shall raise their non-whistle hand to indicate that the visiting team player change is complete and the home team has a reasonable amount of time (maximum 5 seconds) to complete their player change.

Once the home team has made their player change OR 5 seconds has elapsed, the Referee lowers their arm and the Linesmen shall blow their whistle and begin the face-off process.

Linesmen shall drop the puck within 5 seconds OR sooner if all players are in proper position. Do not wait the entire 5 seconds if all players are lined up - drop the puck as soon as all players are in proper position.

- If one center is not in position by the end of the five seconds, remove that center from the face-off.
- If a non-center encroaches during the 5 seconds remove that team's center from the face-off.
- If any team member coming from their bench is not "onside" for the face-off at the end of the 5 seconds, remove their center from the face-off.
- Consistent problems with the same team>>After a team warning a delay of game penalty should be assessed.

When to Drop the Puck-- **When** all players are properly lined up within 5 seconds.
When all players other than the centers are on-sides and out of circles and one or more center(s) is clearly delaying the face-off after a verbal warning.
Never drop the puck with players offside or encroaching.
If player(s) encroach - remove center(s).
If player(s) are constantly slow to the face-off circle - line change or delay of game issue.

IMPORTANT

- Do not compromise the integrity of any face-off.
- Maintain a consistent face-off standard throughout the game.

Fast Face-Off Application...for more information refer to: NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book, page 17.

Your Challenge... To consistently apply the NFHS Hockey playing rules and the correct interpretation of these rules.