

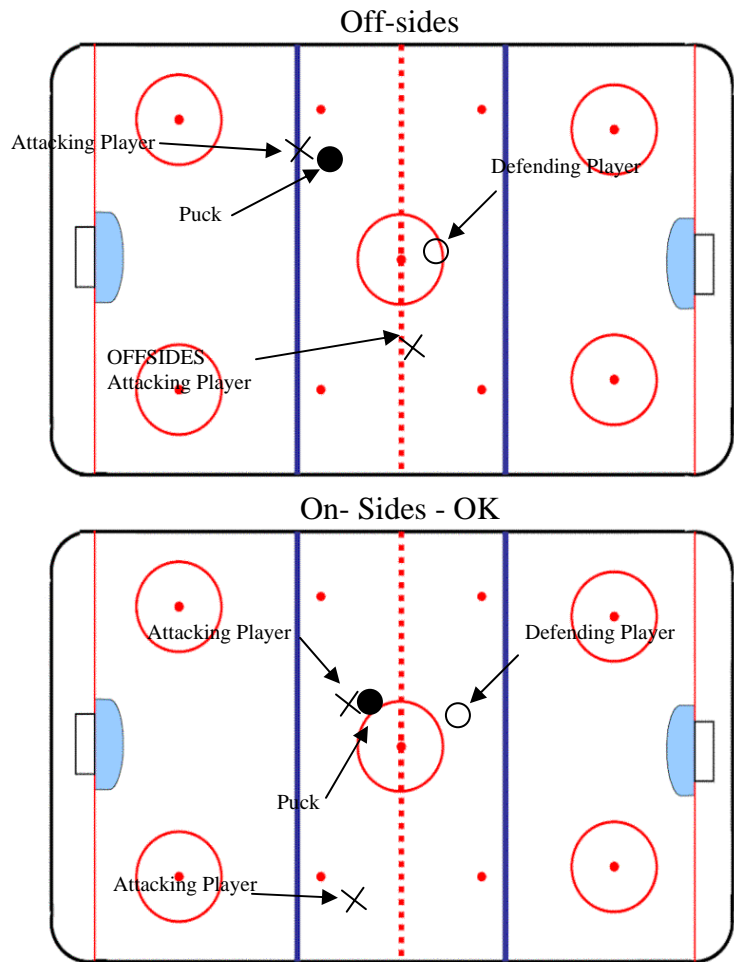
Officials In addition to the players, there are usually two officials on the ice often called referees. They are there to keep the game fair and safe for everyone. You should never speak to an official about a decision or call. Only the coaches or the team captain may speak to the officials. They will be skating with you during the game and will do their best to stay out of the way.

Rule – Off-Sides

To keep the game fair, hockey has an off-sides rule to keep players from just hanging around the other team's net waiting to score a goal.

No one on our team can go into the *Offensive Zone* **before the puck does**. The puck has to go in first – it can go in on the stick of one of our players, or it can be passed into the offensive zone.

Play will be stopped if a team enters the offensive zone off-sides. This normally happens when an offensive player without the puck gets into the offensive zone before the puck. When the referee sees an offside, the whistle is blown and a face-off occurs outside the blue line at one of the dots in the neutral zone.

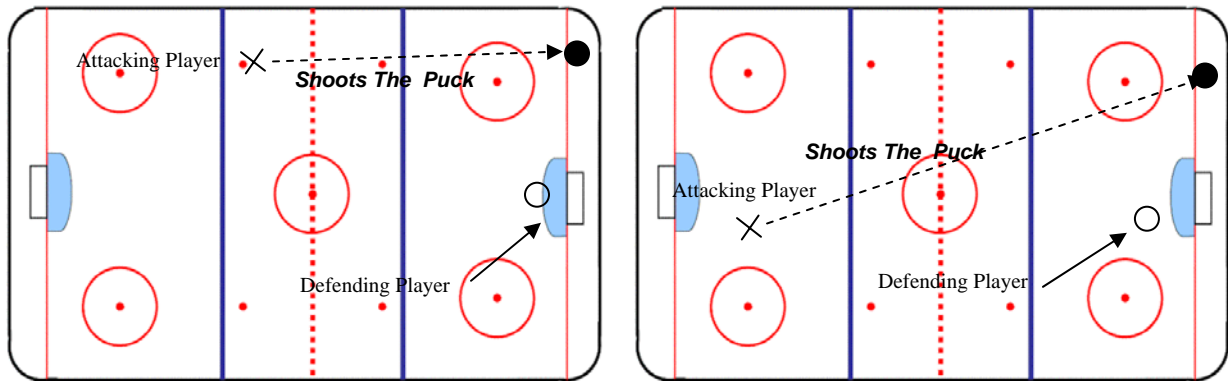


Rule – Icing

The puck cannot be shot or passed so that it crosses the CENTER red line and the GOAL line without touching another player

If this occurs, the referee blows the whistle to stop play and a face-off is held in your defensive zone.

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Not Icing

