

# OFFICIALS

The following are recommended guidelines for officiating ringette.

## On-Ice Officials

### Pre-Season Questions for Association

- Will the officials' dressing room be cleaned and sanitized after each use at each facility?
- Physical distancing is required in dressing rooms. Are more dressing rooms available? If the dressing room is small, a rotation system should be considered.
- Physical distancing must be practiced by off-ice officials. What is the best way to incorporate into the space being used.

### Pre and Post Activity

- Come fully dressed in uniform if possible.
- Personal towels only (officials should shower at home).
- Wear a cloth mask when entering the arena when physical distancing cannot be followed such as in the dressing room (it may also be required by the facility). The cloth mask can be removed when going on to the ice. Continue to monitor public health authority guidelines specific to the wearing of masks.
- Have personal hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes
- Only game officials should be in the dressing room – no visitors.

### During Activity

- If possible, hands should be washed prior to the start of each period (officials can carry a small bottle of sanitizer with them on the ice).
- Have hand sanitizer in the penalty box for officials to use.
- Avoid touching the ring with bare hands. When possible, ask a player to use their stick or use your foot to move and/or place the ring.
- Referees should verbally greet coaches as they generally do, but should not shake hands.
- It is prohibited for officials to drink from water bottles belonging to skaters or goaltenders. If officials require water during a game, they should have their own water bottle at the penalty bench.
- When reporting penalties, do not speak through the hole in the glass – work from a distance.
- Some equipment should also be washed (jerseys, pant shells, etc.) after each session, following manufacturer guidelines. It is important that officials ensure equipment is kept clean.

## Off-Ice Officials

- Off-ice officials are recommended to wear a cloth mask inside the building (it may be required by the facility). Continue to monitor public health authority guidelines specific to the wearing of masks.
- Off-ice officials are recommended to have personal hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to wipe down and disinfect the score clock controls and shot clock remote equipment/penalty bench prior to each game. Handles to doors going to the ice are high-touch areas and proper hygiene and cleaning is important.