



Oregon Lacrosse Officials Association
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CHIEF BENCH OFFICIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A Chief Bench Official (CBO) shall be appointed and shall be equipped with a signal flag and whistle. The CBO shall supervise over and hold complete jurisdiction over timekeepers/scorers/coaches/substitutes and any other personnel within the bench areas/penalty box/scoring table area. The CBO shall wear the same uniform, as the on field referees.

2. The CBO Shall:

- a) Check the substitution of players going onto and off the field of play***
- b) Check that each team has the correct number of players and no more than four long sticks on the field of play.***
- c) Assist the referees in checking that each team obeys the off-side rule***
- d) Check that no illegal stick exchange occurs***
- e) Check that no illegal actions are carried out by a coach or official member of either squad***
- f) Check that no foul is committed by a player or substitute who is in the act of leaving the field of play or in the act of entering the field of play, or who is in the bench area, the special substitution area or the penalty box***

3. Where the CBO becomes aware of any of the above six infringements, he shall, depending on the circumstances, either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle and apply the appropriate penalty.

(Exceptionally, where the CBO becomes aware of a player committing an act of flagrant misconduct, then if the act is away from the current area of play and is unlikely to have been seen by the on field referees, The CBO shall either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle, as appropriate, and when a whistle has stopped the play, The CBO shall inform the head referee of what has happened and the CBO shall make the appropriate call.)

- 4. The CBO shall acknowledge receipt and understanding of the referee's signals, relating to penalties, penalty periods or any other matters relating to the play of the game, by repeating the signal. He shall then relay the decisions of the referees to the timekeeper/penalty timekeeper/scorers as appropriate.*
- 5. The CBO shall advise the coaches, if so requested, as to the decisions of the referees.*
- 6. The CBO shall notify each team 30 seconds before the restart of play during a team time-out and one minute before the start of each period.*
- 7. The CBO shall notify the nearest referee if any player has incurred 5 personal fouls.*
- 8. When a team requests a time-out:
 - a) If the request is legal the CBO shall blow his whistle*or
 - b) If the request is not legal the CBO shall apply the provision of Penalty for Technical Fouls and if appropriate Slow Whistle technique.**

NOTE: Where the CBO sees an on-field situation, which could affect safety, and none of the on-field referees take any action, the the CBO shall take the appropriate action.