

2026 OHSLA Scorekeeper / Table Crew Training Q & As

Q-1: What do referees consider a shot on goal and a save and how are they different

A: Shot on goal = would be a goal if not stopped by either goalie or goal post. Save = **GOALIE** stops that shot.

Q-2: So FoGo's will have the most GB's?

A: Not necessarily, there are lots of GB's throughout the game.

Q-3: Is it considered a clear when your team wins FO and then transitions to the team's attack box?

A: No. A clear only applies when moving from defensive half to attack box after established possession. However it would be considered a FO Win upon establishing possession on a FO.

Q-4: GB question - Offensive player drops ball, then defensive player and that same offensive player both attempt to gain possession of loose ball. That same offensive player regains possession and gets the ball. Is that considered a GB?

A: Yes—if it was a contested loose ball.

Q-5: Are refs checking for chin strap violations (when they wear them over their mouth)?

A: Yes. Chin straps must be properly worn.

Q-6: Do home/away teams need to "reconcile" their books, and when? Would it be done between quarters?

A: Well, not required, but not a bad idea; typically, between quarters and at end of game. The home book is the main record for the game and is the official book.

Q-7: Can you review the new rule about players near the goal

A: Please see the presentation.

Q-8: Player in penalty box should not remove helmet or other equipment?

A: For safety reasons we prefer for them to keep it on, but it is not uncommon for them to take it off to drink water, and that's ok.

Q-9: Can a Player in penalty box be substituted for by another player?

A: Yes & No. If the player is injured – Yes, they can be substituted for. Also in the last 10 seconds of the penalty, another player can substitute for the penalized player if they are the one to return to the field upon penalty expiration.

Q-10: Are you enforcing the matching color of helmets rule for goalies?

A: By rule, mismatched helmet color is a violation. However, we do not want to penalize a goalie who has proper equipment but a different color. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Generally, if the equipment is safe and legal, we will allow play and notify the league of the issue. We want every player to play.

Q-11: Guidelines on double horn to get officials attention if there is an injury that the refs don't see but there is not a dead ball. This happened last year. Eventually it was seen a taken care of but the hollars weren't heard.

A: A Double-Horn should **NEVER** happen during LIVE Play. Officials are aware of a downed player the vast majority of the time, and there may be a reason for delaying the whistle. **Please only use the table horn during a dead ball** to get our attention. Officials will stop play for injury when appropriate, as that is our responsibility.

Q-12: Running Clock... players penalty time is over during out of bounds, do they only go in when the ball is "in play" or do they get to go in when the ball is still out of bounds?

A: They will release at the next whistle to start play with exception to a Face-Off. If a player's penalty expires during a FO or coming up to a FO, that player can not enter the field until possession from the FO.

Q-13: Can you please describe/explain releasable and unreleasable penalties? When players need to serve their entire penalty, and when they can leave the penalty box irrespective of what the timer says.

A: Releasable = player is released from the box **if opponent scores**.

Non-releasable = must serve full-time, no exceptions.

Q-14: Can you go over the 5th Quarter personal foul penalties rule again?

A: Carries over to next game.

Q-15: What should we keep time with vs. track penalties and monitor time outs? Sounds like three timers?

A: **IMPORTANT:** Penalty Time should always be kept in sync with Game Time. Penalty time should never be kept separate from the Game Clock. For Time-Outs, the officials handle that, no need for table to track the timing of time-outs, just the quantity and what time in what quarter they occurred. If there is no scoreboard clock is available then a phone, stop watch, or various lacrosse timing apps are available.

Q-16: Can we use Apps like MultiTimer on our phones?

A: Yes, if there is no scoreboard clock. If there is a scoreboard clock penalty time is to run off it. Record the Time on the clock when the penalty time is assessed.

Q-17: Going back to the beginning of the meeting it was mentioned that we as stat keepers are expected to purchase the stat books and any other equipment for stat keeping? And is there any reimbursements for using personal expenses?

A: That is not true; teams are not expected to purchase anything for stat keeping. The Stats piece on the OHSLA web site has a printable sheet (with the teams roster) that can easily be printed ahead of time and used to collect stats that could easily be transcribed to the OHSLA web site Stats piece.

(Screen capture below of printable Team Stat Sheet and Stat Codes with Descriptions)

#	Player	POS	P <input type="checkbox"/>	S	G	A	SH	GB	CTO	FOW	FOL	SAV	GAL
1	Jesus Banderas	Mid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Owen Gilpin	Att	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	George Athanasakis	Mid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Tanner Hanna	FO/Mid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Ben Martin	Mid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Brooks Morfin	Att	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

P = PLAYED
S = STARTED
G = GOALS
A = ASSISTS
SH = SHOTS
GB = GROUND BALLS
CTO = CAUSED TURN OVERS
FOW = FACE-OFFS WON
FOL = FACE-OFFS LOST
SAV = GOALIE SAVES
GAL = GOALIE GOALS ALLOWED

Q-18: So both teams provide a scorekeeper and a timekeeper, or is the timekeeper just provided by the home team? Do scorekeepers need to align book stats at end of quarters, or do refs just go with home team stats?

A: Home team provides the official scorebook book and timekeeper. We almost always have volunteers from both teams, and we appreciate that. No harm in comparing scorebooks in the end, but the Home team scorebook is the official scorebook for that game.

Q-19: Is forced/cause turnover a coach preference? I haven't seen that in the scorebook.

A: Yes—optional stat

Q-20: What was the "X:" on the scorebook slide, next to the time of the goal?

A: See presentation

Q-21: Is a FO win/loss only assigned to the player taking the draw, not other players on the circle?

A: Correct—credited to faceoff player only.

Q-22: No mention today of Spotters. Do some teams not have a spotter and rely on 1 person to spot and record?

A: Yes—spotters are helpful but not always used.

Q-23: In the scorebook screenshot, I think the "Shots" has 2 columns. Why is that

A: One for total shots, one for shots on goal. *Running Total*

Q-24: Is it OK to have someone learning to spot or score keep or penalty timer at the table for a quarter or so? Like to "shadow" what the job is? Would this be better to have an "extra" person like this during a JV game than Varsity?

A: Yes—JV is best for training.

Q-25: Will refs be calling penalties using CNOTE? Sometimes table cannot see the scoreboard (kids/coaches/officials in the way) to note the time.

A: I sure hope so! Please extend grace if they forget. Don't let officials leave the reporting area until table is clear on penalty, player, penalty time.

Q-26: I didn't understand what to do as a score keeper if a penalized player leaves before they are released. What do I do?

A: Notify officials utilizing the horn (double-tap of the horn) **at the next dead ball**. They will be relying on you to tell them the details. Player that left, how many seconds early, etc.

Q-27: Just to be clear scorekeeper needs to record Goals, penalties and timeouts and thats it? Everything else is not necessary and is responsibility of "other side of field" (example: GB's, goalie shot saves, etc)

A: Yes—those are part of the mandatory recordkeeping. Stats are for the individual player.

Q-28: Apologies if this was already answered, but who counts down penalties? Is it the same person for both teams' players?

A: Yes—typically one penalty timer handles both teams. BE LOUD. Good Practice is to alert the player in the last 10 seconds of their penalty and count down from 10 with 0 being "Release".

Note: A player in the penalty area can be substituted in the last 10 seconds of their penalty in case the coach wishes another player to return to play upon penalty expiration.

Q-29: Under what circumstances does the penalty timer also stop its penalty clock (timer)?

A: Remember from above, Penalty Time should be working off the Game Clock and not on a separate timing device.

Q-30: When a team wins the draw control, do we only record the control for the player in the middle of the circle, or whoever gets possession of the ball?

A: For a faceoff, the player who gains possession is credited with the FO win. Possession means the player can pass, cradle, carry, or shoot the ball.

Q-31: Is the Home team required to have a horn physically at the table?

A: Yes, this is a NEW Rule for 2026:

Rule 1 – 12: "Requires a working horn to be accessible at the sideline table."

Note the word "accessible". If the controls for the scoreboard are there at the table and there is a working horn on the scoreboard, then that suffices. However, if the scoreboard controls are up in a sky box, then the Home team is required to have a physical, working horn at the table.