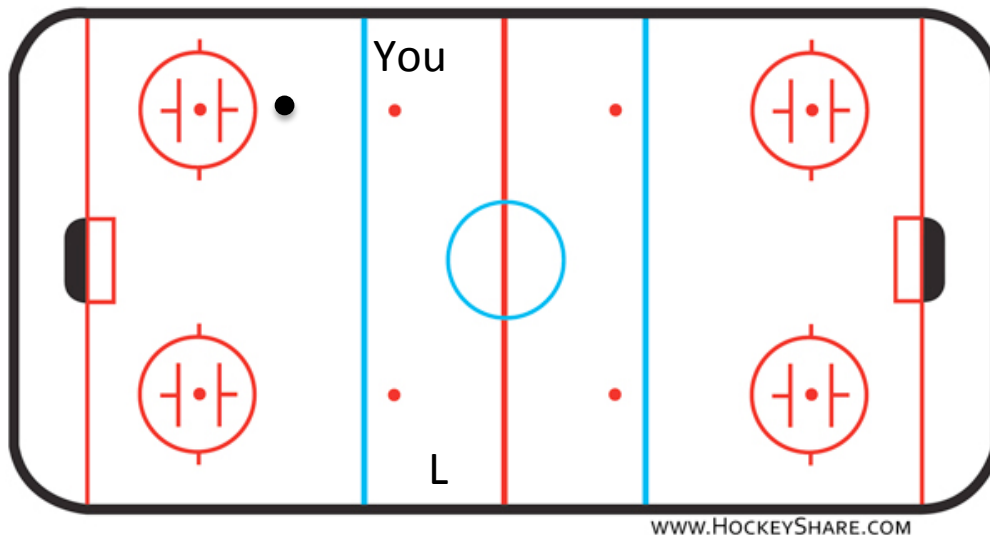
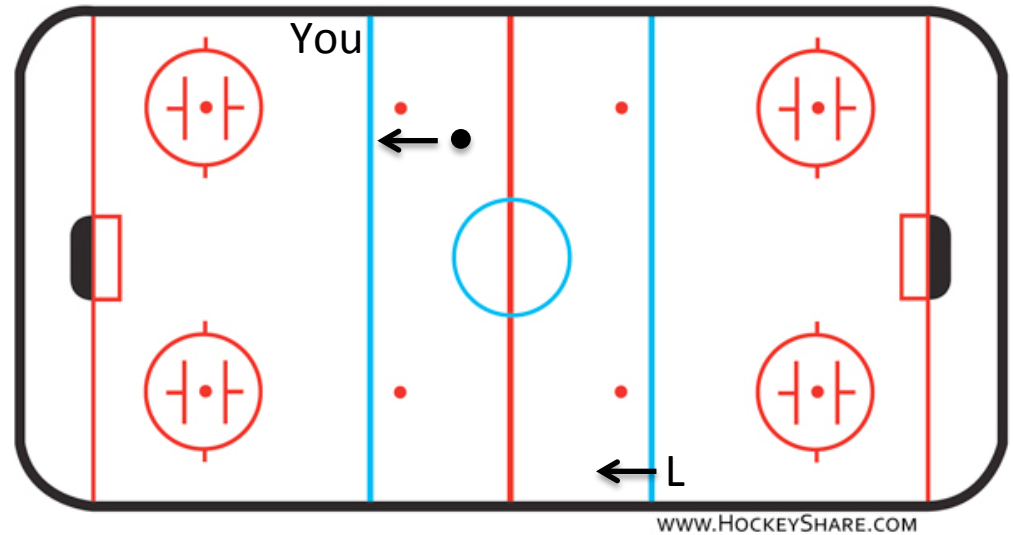


POSTIONING OF THE LINESMAN at the blue line

“Working the line” in your end

There are two circumstances that determine if you should be inside or outside the line:

ONE: The puck is in the neutral zone going towards your end. You should be 20-30 cm inside the line.

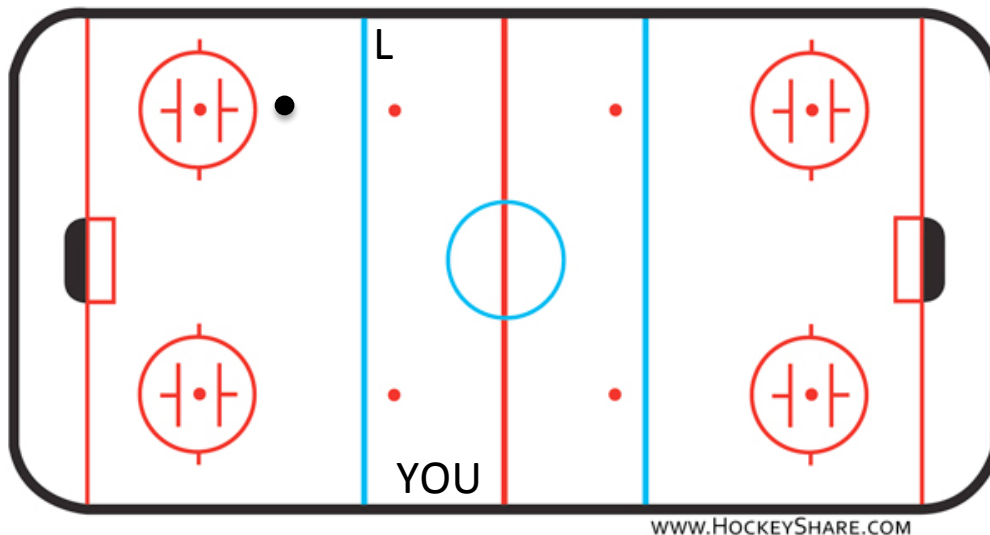
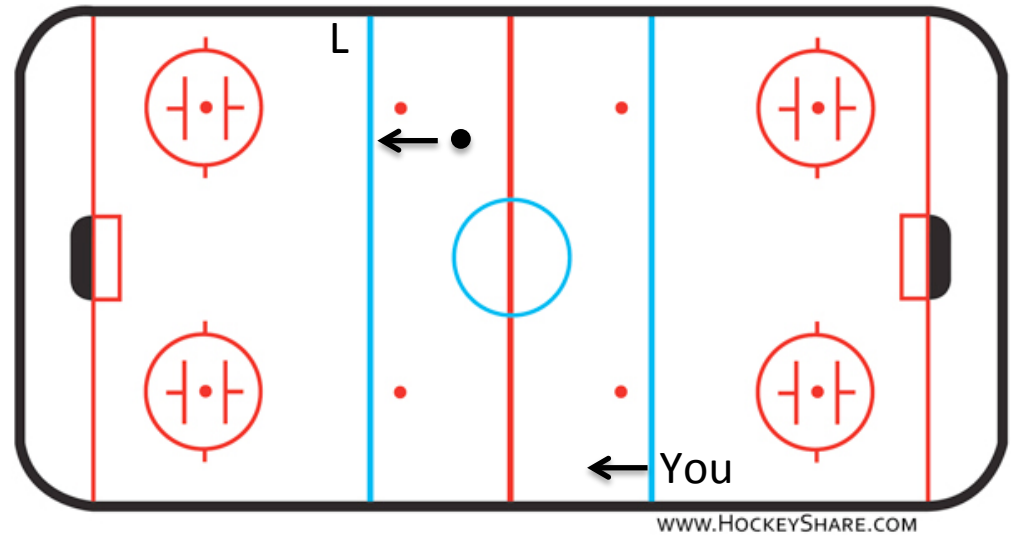


Two: The puck is in the your offensive zone. You should be 20-30 cm outside the line

Positioning at your partner's end

There are two circumstances that determine where you should be positioned relative to the puck:

ONE: The puck is in the neutral zone going towards your partner's end. You should be following the play a half zone behind to cover a fast turn around.



Two: The puck is in the your partner's offensive zone. You should be at least half-way between red line and partner's blue line or closer.

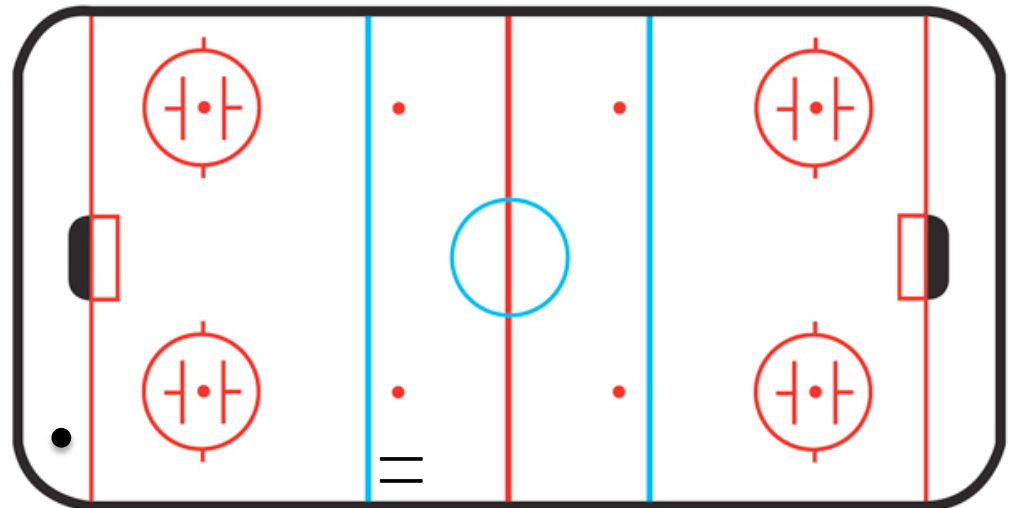
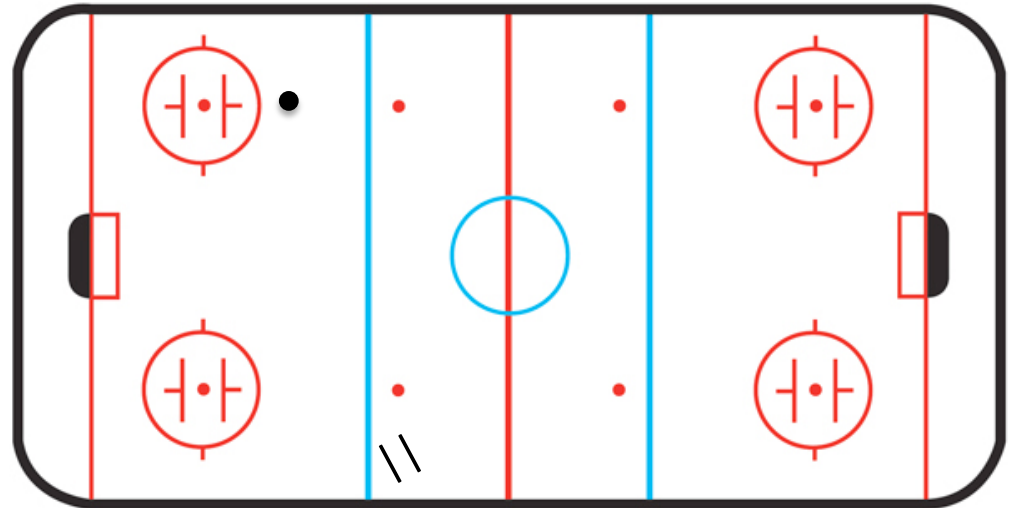
Position of your feet when watching the play

Question: Where should you point your feet/shoulders when watching the play?

Answer: Your feet/shoulders should be square to the puck...imagine a rope from the middle of your chest to the puck. This rope pull syou so that you are always square

For example, the images to the right show the puck (black dot) and your feet (two black lines); Your feet/shoulders are always square to the puck

Why? The main reason is that you have more options for getting out of the way when you face the puck. Step to side, skate backwards, skate forwards, step over, spread your feet apart. If you are not square to the puck, your movement options are reduced.



For further information, please see pages 6-10 to 6-12 in the “Hockey Canada Officiating Program Manual” which is also on there resources pages of wpgrefs.com

You should also watch the four minute video about the linesman’s role