

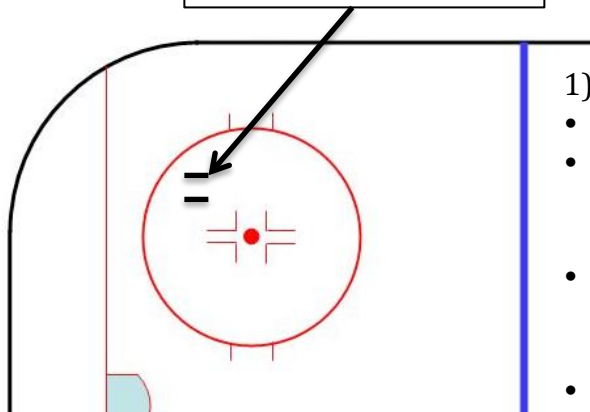
# Three-Step Procedure to Conducting a Faceoff



The goals when conducting a face-off are:

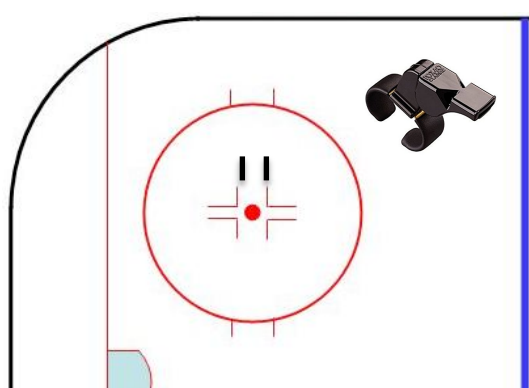
- Establish presence to reduce risk that an incident occurs while line change is taking place,
- Communicate when the puck is going to be dropped through your whistle, your voice, and your body,
- Limit the chances of face-off encroachment through your voice and your body position.

the two black lines are the orientation of your skates



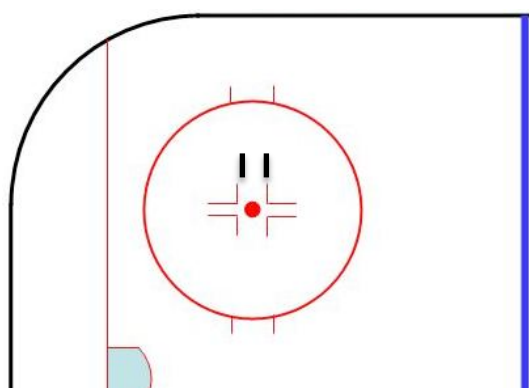
## First 10 Seconds of line change

- 1) Preparing the players
  - Line-change: the two teams are changing.
  - What you are doing: Stand with your body open to the face-off dot facing up the ice keeping as many players in view as possible and talking to players about lining up.
  - What you are saying: remind players of face-off rules like sticks on their side of the hash marks or centers lining up correctly.
  - What your body is communicating: I am not dropping the puck as I am not facing the dot.



## Last 5 seconds of line change

- 2) Square to the dot
  - Line-change: the official conducting the line change drops her hand. Final players arriving at the face-off.
  - What you are doing: Blow the whistle, check the wingers at the hashmarks near the boards for the last time and pivot to face the dot. Do not move again until you drop the puck
  - What you are saying: "stick down centers, let's go"
  - What your body is communicating: I am facing the dot...going to drop the puck...rear wingers are being watched by the official at the blue line as I don't see them any more.



## Puck Drop

- 3) Drop the puck in less than 5 seconds
  - Line-change: is now complete
  - What you are doing: Standing still, watch for encroachment for players in front of you, and drop the puck.
  - What you are saying: nothing unless you eject a center
  - What your body is communicating: Calm and ready to start play.

Do you need to eject the Center? Stand-up out of your puck-drop stance, back away from the dot, say "Black Out" or "White Out" and point to the end of the rink of the offending team. Once a new center arrives, re-check the players' positions, blow your whistle, square yourself to the dot and drop the puck.