

Running out of ice time: the 4-3-2 Rule



FOUR-there are four minutes left on the ice time. (i.e. the teams stepped on the ice at 2:18 pm, the time is now 3:14 pm)

THREE-there is more than three minutes left in the game (i.e. there is 10:01 left in the third period).

TWO-cut the clock to two minutes and inform both teams (ask the timekeeper to reduce the time to 2 minutes)

What if the current game was delayed by the end of the last game?

The current game's ice time starts when the ice is ready and the teams go on the ice; which should be immediately. Therefore, if the game has one hour of ice, but the ice is available 3 minutes late, the ice time ends 3 minutes later than originally scheduled.

What if the rink attendant opens the gate and says the game is over?

The game is over, report the incident to the division director.



How long is an ice time?
A 12-12-15 game uses a 60 minute ice time while a 15-15-20 game uses a 90 minute ice time including the flood.