

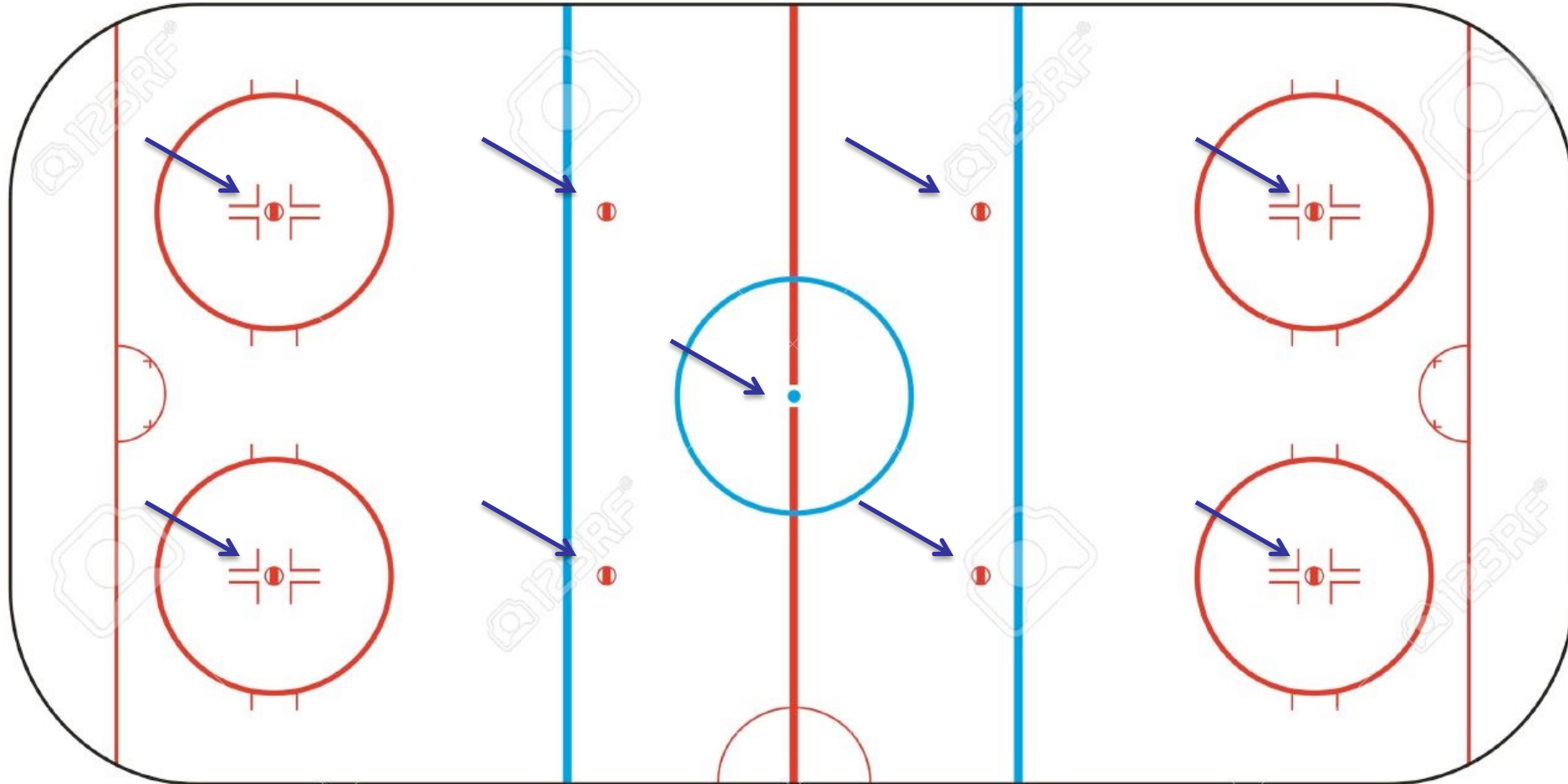


Face-Off Locations



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Center ice:

- ✓ Start of the game, of a period
- ✓ After a goal is scored
- ✓ Linesmen mistake on an icing
- ✓ When the rules says: “To the closest spot...”

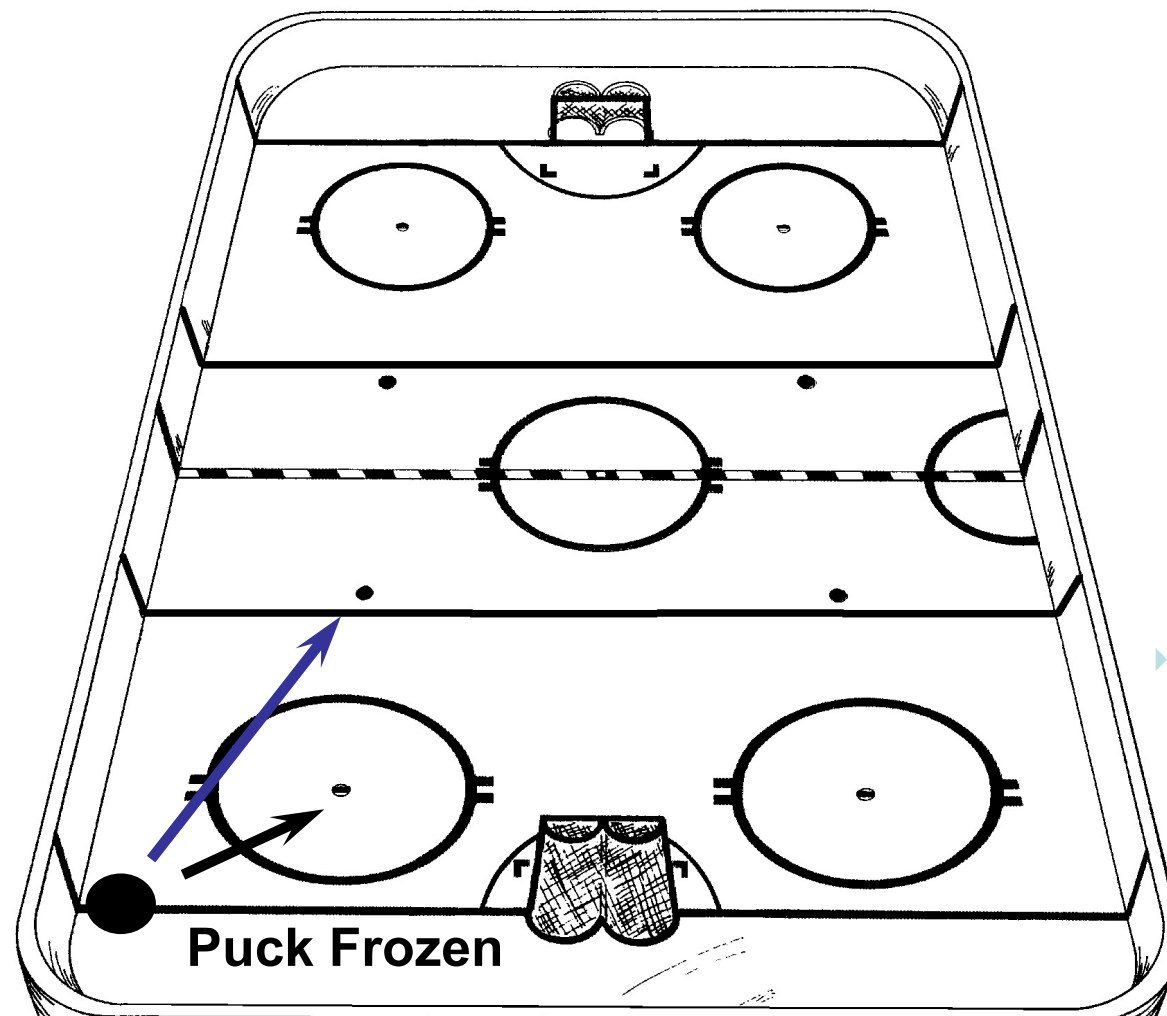
Neutral Zone:

- ✓ Off-sides (immediate or if shot from neutral zone)
- ✓ Puck shot out of ice area from neutral zone
- ✓ When the rules says: “To the closest spot...”

End Zone:

- ✓ Defending team goaltender freezes puck
- ✓ Puck deflected out of ice area by defending team
- ✓ Attacking team commits intentional offside (face-off in *their* defensive zone)
- ✓ Penalty assessed; face-off in offending team’s end zone (which side?)
- ✓ Icing (which side?)
- ✓ When the rules says: “To the closest spot...”

End Zone Face-off Locations



▶ Puck frozen by goaltender → nearest end zone spot to where puck was last shot or played

If defending team causes the stoppage → nearest end zone face-off spot

If attacking team causes the stoppage → nearest neutral zone face-off spot

High Sticking

- Infraction and control in attacking zone ➡ face-off at nearest neutral zone spot
- Infraction in attacking zone but control in neutral zone or defending zone ➡ face-off at spot closest to where offending team controlled the puck that provides least territorial advantage
- Infraction and control in the neutral zone ➡ face-off in defensive zone
- Infraction and control in defensive zone ➡ face-off in defensive zone
- Rule of Thumb ➡ back a zone with the exception of attacking and neutral zone

Hand Pass

- Hand pass allowed in defensive zone as long as the pass made and received *within* the defensive zone.
- Face-off 🖱️ nearest faceoff spot to where the infraction occurred or where offending team gained control ... whichever spot provides *least* territorial advantage.

Where is the Face-Off?

... after an immediate offside?

The neutral zone face-off spot on the side of the ice the puck crossed the blueline (*not* the side the player went offside).

... when the goaltender catches the puck on left side of the net but the shot came from right side of the net?

The end zone face-off spot on the side of the ice where the puck was shot from.

... when the goaltender freezes the puck on the ice?

The end zone face-off spot on the side of the ice the puck was frozen on.

... when a defender shoots the puck (without any deflection) over the end zone glass?

The end zone face-off spot on the side of the ice the puck was shot from (*not* the side it went over the glass).

... when an attacking player shoots the puck and it deflects in the attacking zone out of play?

The nearest end zone face-off spot where the shot or deflection occurred (*new rule*).

Where is the Face-Off?

... if there is a gathering of players in the end zone following a stoppage and an attacking defenseman skates below the outer edge of the end zone face off circles?

The neutral zone face-off spot on the side of the ice where the puck was when play stopped.

... when an attacking player high-sticks the puck in their attacking zone?

The neutral zone face-off spot on the side of the ice where the puck was when play stopped.

Where is the Face-Off?

... play stopped for an injured attacking player in their attacking zone?

The neutral zone face off spot, on the side of the ice where the puck was when play was stopped.

... play stopped for an injured defending player in his defensive zone ?

The end zone face-off spot on the side of the ice the puck was when play was stopped.

... play stopped because attacking team the puck kicked into the net (and goal disallowed)?

The neutral zone face-off spot on the side of the ice where the puck was when play stopped.

... if the attacking team committed intentional off-side?

The neutral zone face-off spot on the side of the ice where the puck was when play stopped.

Where is the Face-Off?

... if the puck was played with a high stick by a defending player in their defensive zone?

The end zone face-off spot, on the side of the ice the puck was when play was stopped.

... if the puck was played with a high stick by a player in the neutral zone?

The defensive zone on the side nearest to where the offending team gained control and possession of the puck.

... if a player in the neutral zone hand passes puck to team-mate in their defensive zone?

The nearest defensive zone face-off spot.