



# Assessing Penalties



**INTERNATIONAL  
ICE HOCKEY  
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# Procedure for Calling Penalties

- Procedure:
  - When referee judges an infraction has occurred, gives delayed signal (non-whistle hand)
  - *If* penalty committed by team in possession of puck
    - *Immediate* whistle
  - *If* penalty committed by team *not* in possession of puck
    - 1) Delayed “slow” whistle
    - 2) When offending team gains possession of puck, sound whistle

# Assessment Procedure

- Come to a stop
- Point to player
  - Open palm, Closed fingers, Thumb tucked in
- Verbalize number and color
- Signal and verbalize infraction
  - Do not indicate type of penalty (minor, major, etc.)



# Reporting Procedure

- Skate *backwards* to the penalty bench (keeping an eye on the players)
- Stop at penalty bench
- Signal and verbally report infraction to off-ice officials
- A measured cadence through entire procedure

# Recap - Penalty Assessment

- See the infraction, *call* the infraction
- Come to a complete stop
- Slow, controlled cadence
- Keep a straight face
- Repeat signal at penalty bench
- Make sure player is in penalty box and scorebench has the penalty (if a minor or major) on the gameclock

The other referee (or linie), what do they do?

A. Players

B. Puck

C. Position