

## Shot Clock Basics

The Shot Clock is operated by a remote which can be found in the Referee's Room.



The purpose of the shot clock is to keep the game flowing by forcing play to the nets as rapidly as possible and preventing a “keep away” game.

The shot clock is set to 30 seconds at the beginning of each period and after the scoring of a goal. The shot clock only runs during game play. Start and stop the shot clock with each whistle.

The shot clock is reset when:

A **shot on goal** happens.

**Control** changes from one team to another.

A **delayed penalty** is signalled.

The **officials call for a reset.**

### **Shot on Goal**

A shot on goal is taken when the team in possession of the ring legally propels the ring toward the other team's goal and:

The ring enters the net.

The ring hits the crossbar or post.

The ring makes contact with the goaltender when they are completely in the crease.

The ring makes contact with the goaltender when they are not within the crease **AND** that contact prevents the ring from entering the net.

*Note: Resets occur immediately when the ring contacts the goaltender, not when the goaltender picks it up.*

The following are NOT considered a shot on goal:

The ring goes over the net

A player passes the ring to their own goaltender

### **Control**

Control of the ring is gained when:

A player places the stick into the ring

A player propels the ring with the stick, or bats, or kicks the ring

A goalkeeper within the goal crease, prevents the ring from entering the net and the ring comes to rest inside or make contact with the goal crease

A goalkeeper while not preventing the ring from entering the net, propels the ring with the stick, or bats, or kicks the ring

A reset occurs when control (possession of the ring) changes from one team to another.

The following are NOT considered control of the ring:

Contact such as a ring hitting a skate, player, or stick

Blocking a shot

*Note: Every stoppage in play is not necessarily a reset. There are times the ring is given back to the team in control of the ring.*



### **Delayed Penalty**

Arm extended straight up,  
shot clock is reset on first penalty.



### **Shot Clock Reset**

Extending an arm straight up with forefinger  
extended and making a circular motion with that finger.  
Will be accompanied with verbal "RESET"

### **Delayed Penalties**

The shot clock is reset when:

A delayed penalty is signalled. If additional delayed penalties are signalled before play is stopped, the shot clock is not to be reset again.

### **Official Calls for a Reset**

The shot clock is reset when:

A penalty causes the non-penalized team to commit a violation, and play is stopped as a result.

A player on the team not in control of the ring commits a violation and play is stopped as a result.

A player on the team not in possession of the ring is injured, and play is stopped as a result.

When the shot clock reaches zero seconds, an audible signal will sound:

1. Play is stopped, as the team last in control of the ring has committed a violation
2. The shot clock is reset to 30 seconds.
3. The ring is awarded to the non-offending team, in the zone in which the ring was last contacted or controlled.

If the shot clock's audible signal sounds in error:

1. Play is stopped
2. The shot clock is reset to 30 seconds
3. The ring is awarded to the non-offending team, in the zone in which the ring was last contacted or controlled.

*Note: If the shot clock is reset in error, play continues.*

### Tips from an official:

Introduce yourself and let the official know if there is an area of the ice that you cannot see. They will help you out when the ring is in those areas (ie in a corner or along the boards)

If you are not sure wait for the signal.

When the whistle stops play it does not always mean there is a reset, it is a good habit to get into to stop the shot clock instead of just hitting the reset button (a shot clock going off in error can be fixed a shot clock reset in error cannot be fixed).

You may not notice one official signalling for a reset so keep an eye out on both officials.

Remember you are a minor official and need to watch the game as so; not as a spectator.

Please ask the officials if you are unclear on any of the rules regarding shot clock or if you are unsure what to do in a certain situation.