



# Game Day for an IHONC Official

*Level 1 and Level 2 Training*  
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# Preparing at Home



- Verify game specifics
  - Time
  - Location
  - Home team
  - Partner contact info
- Plan appropriate travel time
  - Arrive **at least** 30 mins prior to game time
- Check equipment
  - Mend holes
  - Ensure proper crest
  - Replenish supplies
- Pack the bag
  - Develop a system
  - Same way every time
- Appearance
  - Positive first impression
  - Professional and neat
  - No team jackets

# *At the Rink Before the Game*

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- Check out facilities
  - Benches
  - Scoreboard location(s)
  - Entrances/exits from ice surface
  - Lighting
  - Rink defects
- In the locker room
  - Meet partner – determine senior official
  - Review situations & interpretations
  - Ask partner to give feedback at end of game
  - Stretch
- Watch prior game
- Get skates sharpened (time permitting)

# *On-ice Pregame Duties*



- On the ice before the players
- Check nets & install pins
- Meet with minor officials
  - Verify knowledge of clock operations
  - Verify knowledge of penalty expirations
  - Verify knowledge of signals
  - Instructions on when to put penalty time up
- Meet with captains and coaches
  - Verify all players are properly equipped
  - Verify knowledge of new rules/interpretations
  - Emphasize certain situations
  - Not a Q&A session, not a “what if” session

# *On-ice Postgame Duties*

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- Observe handshake
- Escort teams from the ice
- Move nets
- Review scoresheet
  - Cross out blank areas in scores and rosters
  - Sign if no report necessary
  - Bring to locker room if a report is needed

# *At the Rink After the Game*

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- Entertain conversations with coaches
  - If the conversation will be civil
  - If you have another official in the vicinity
- In the locker room
  - Fill out game report if necessary
  - Review interesting situations with partner
  - Receive feedback from observer/supervisor
  - Ask for feedback from senior official
  - Stretch

# *At Home After the Game*

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- Send game reports if necessary
- Unpack/inventory equipment