

PENALTY BENCH ATTENDANTS

It is important for the off-ice officials to remain impartial at all times and requires the complete attention of the off-ice officials for the duration of the game.

Use of cell phones or cameras is prohibited.

If you have difficulty in accomplishing this, you may wish to review your involvement as an off-ice official.

The Penalty Bench Attendant is responsible for operating the penalty bench area. Their duties include the following:

1. An attendant at each penalty bench will open the door to allow the penalized player in and then will release the penalized player when the penalty expires. The penalty bench door should be securely closed immediately after the penalized player enters the penalty bench. Players should not hop over the boards or shut the door behind them when they vacate the penalty bench area.
2. The penalty bench attendants should work closely with the game timekeeper and the official scorer to ensure penalty situations are handled correctly. The Penalty Bench Attendant shall be in a position as not to obstruct the view of the time keeper or score keeper.
3. Ensure that the player serving the penalty is quietly seated. Players may stand at the door 10 seconds prior to their penalty expiring.
4. When penalized players are entitled to be released from the penalty bench during a stoppage of play at the conclusion of coincident penalties, the penalty bench attendants should not release these players until the on-ice officials are aware that they are going to be released. This practice will help prevent any additional altercations from occurring.

The on-ice officials may issue a penalty to the team and they do have the authority to remove an off-ice official when necessary. When this occurs, the position must then be filled immediately by a representative from the team. The game cannot commence until this has been accomplished.