

NJSIAA Officials Guidance for One-on-One Tiebreaker (Final draft 9/19/22)

Rules for tiebreaker are found in the [NJSIAA Rule Modifications](#)

While shootouts are new to NJ, they are not new to the sport of Field Hockey. What's important to remember is that you are still just officiating hockey; all game rules apply. It is critical that you seek educational and practice opportunities for this set piece. Many coaches will welcome the opportunity to have Officials attend their practice scrimmage sessions with some advanced notice. "The University of YouTube" is also available at your fingertips, however you will notice many variations of Officials' positioning. **It is expected that NJSIAA Officials will follow the general positioning guidelines as stated in this document.**

SET PIECE

As with officiating any other set piece, Officials must ensure that all details are properly set prior to starting every one-on-one including, but not limited to: player placement, ball placement, non-participating team personnel placement and clear communication with timer and officiating crew.

When ready to begin each one-on-one, check in with your partner, then proceed in this order: Timer ready? (Get visual readiness from timer) Goalkeeper Ready? Player ready? - Whistle

LEAD OFFICIAL

LEAD official, position as you would for play entering your circle. As each individual is different, there is no "set place" for you to stand, however your positioning will be similar to but slightly higher and wider than PC positioning as noted in Diagram H on page 73 in the Official's guide. Official's movement will be similar to how you would move during a game however, you will find more freedom as there are only 2 players involved. **You must be mobile and move with the play, anticipate ball movement and be in the best position to see the action created by the 2 players involved.** The LEAD official is responsible for all decisions and whistles during the one-on-one procedure, however continued communication between the lead and "trail" umpire is critical.

TRAIL OFFICIAL

TRAIL official starting position will be similar to the end line positioning during a penalty stroke as shown on page 74 Diagram J. TRAIL official may need to reposition as the play progresses to assist in providing any concise information to the LEAD official should they become unsighted. TRAIL is responsible for ensuring proper starting position of the Goalkeeper as well as communicate with LEAD about the ball crossing the end line prior to time running out.

TIMER/TABLE OFFICIAL

Depending on which tournament (state or county) and, potentially which round of the tournament (state) several different scenarios are mentioned below to provide clarity for the tiebreaker timing.

The timer **SHOULD RUN THE CLOCK DOWN TO ZERO AND SOUND THE HORN TO SIGNAL THE COMPLETION OF 10 SECONDS FOR EVERY ATTEMPT, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME.** Several possible timer scenarios are listed on the following page:

Potential One-on-One Timing Scenarios

1) **2 game officials, non-visible table clock** - Timer (whether student or adult) should stand with their back to the action, outside the sideline within the 25 yard area where the one-on-one is taking place. It is recommended that all applicable guidance under rule 2-2-2 p.21-22 be followed including the visiting team assistant scorer. The 2 scorer/timers will work in tandem to time and sound the audible device to signal the end of each one-on-one.

2) **2 game officials, visible scoreboard** - Timer shall operate the scoreboard from the location of the instrument panel and must be able to give a visual signal to the game officials to indicate readiness before each one-on-one. Additionally, direct communication (either in person or via 2-way radio) between the officials and the timer is preferable if the timer is located in an elevated press box in order to ensure that the timer fully understands the process. The audible signal (horn) from the visible scoreboard will be used for the one-on-one. If the scoreboard horn is not functioning, a scorer/timer should stand facing the clock and sound an audible device when the clock reaches zero.

3) **2 game officials and 1 table official** - When a table official is available, they should oversee the operation of timing/scoring the one-on-one competition. It is not recommended that the table official become the timer due to unfamiliarity with the timing system available at the site. The table official shall be responsible for managing the list of players involved in the one-on-one as well as the accurate score of the tiebreaker competition.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

It is critical that all officials involved understand and have practiced the rules set forth in the [NJSIAA Rule Modifications document](#). Special attention should be directed to page 3/4, #7 letter D and E and what may lead to the retaking of a one-on-one or procedure for a penalty stroke during a one-on-one. Additionally, officials should be well versed in the modifications on pages 2 and 3 regarding carding, suspensions and disqualifications during the one-on one.

Question: During a one-on-one, a goal is scored with 4 seconds remaining. Should the timer stop the clock on the official's whistle?

Answer: No. The clock should run to zero EVERY attempt during the entire set, regardless of the outcome.

Question: During a one-on-one the goalkeeper obstructs the attacker and there is no opportunity for advantage. Should the one-on-one be retaken?

Answer: Yes - as long as the obstruction was unintentional, the one-on-one is reset with 10 seconds on the clock.

Question: During a one-on-one, the attacker fouls. Does their attempt end on the foul?

Answer: Yes - and regardless of the amount of time remaining, the timer should allow the clock to run to zero.