

BUCS HOCKEY TECHNICAL OFFICIAL GUIDE

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For all National League, National Championship/Vase matches (except finals), the home institution/Playing Entity is expected to supply a Technical Official (TO), as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'). The Technical Official will assist the umpires with their duties, but they are not required to hold a qualification nor be neutral.

This guide aims to provide support to those acting as a TO, outlining and simplifying the key duties.

General Duties

- The TO shall record all goals including scorer and type of goal, and all cards during the match.
- The TO shall time the suspension applicable for the issue of any green or yellow cards by the Umpire. The period of suspension shall commence when the player has returned to the designated bench area.
- For the avoidance of doubt a player or team official who is temporarily suspended from play must sit calmly and quietly throughout the period of suspension and may not be involved in the match in any way. It is the responsibility of the Coach to work with the TO to ensure that this is done, if a coach is not present then it shall be the responsibility of the Captain.
- The TO shall check that the score is agreed by both teams and umpires on the conclusion of the match.

Shoot-out Duties

- The TO takes up a position close to the circle but facing away from and with their back to the circle.
- The TO will work with the engaged umpire to ensure that everyone is ready before the shoot-out is allowed to commence.
- The TO starts the shootout by blowing a whistle and timing the required eight seconds for each shoot-out.
- The TO MUST blow the whistle after eight seconds have elapsed to ensure that everyone knows that the time has been completed and that the umpires are aware so that any close call for a goal can be adjudicated correctly.
- The engaged umpire keeps score as well as the TO so that there is no discrepancy.

The shoot-out will follow the procedure outlined in [HOC 9.1](#).