

# Shot Clock 101

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The team in possession of the ring has 30 seconds to shoot or it loses possession to the other team. The shot clock is reset when:

- a) possession of the ring changes teams
- b) the ring stops in the goaltender's crease, or
- c) the ring hits the goalie. The shot clock is only applied in competitive levels.

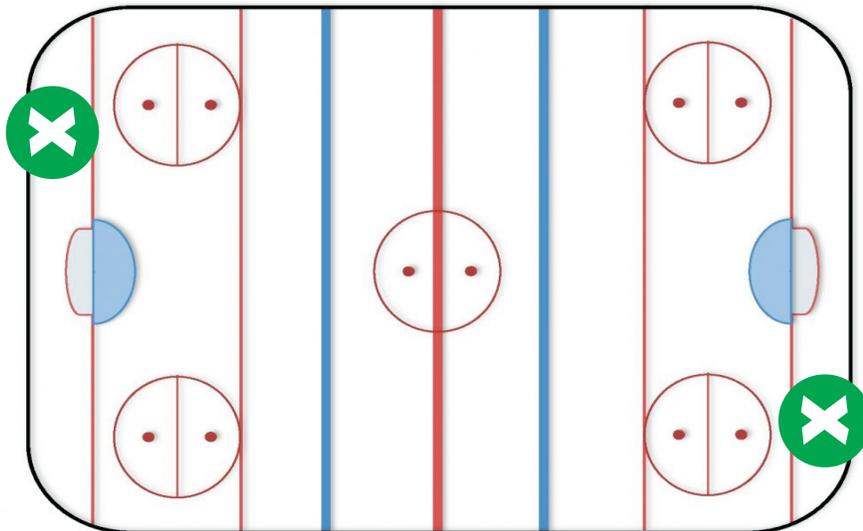
### Background

The 30 second shot clock was added to Ringette to prevent “ring ragging” (one team skating around and around with the ring to run down the clock), add excitement to the game and increase spectator appeal.

### The Shot Clocks

Location:

Set of two identical clocks are placed at opposite ends of the ice to the goaltenders left, they are lined up with the dots in the free pass circles. The shot clocks were permanently installed in 2016 at the 5 main rinks at the Cooperators and the following City of Regina rinks: Mahon, Kinsmen, Hamilton and Staples.



The shot clock remote control is housed at the Co-operators Arena and can be obtained from the Concierge desk (Eastside main lobby) and at the City rinks the Rink manager will have them in his/her office. The Home team is accountable to run the shot clock during the regular schedule league games.

The first/second types of shot clocks have a multiple colored button on the remote. The one labelled Start/Stop (Far right) will stop and start clock. Reset A (Far left) will reset clock back to 30. **Two buttons in the middle are not required for games, do not use.** The shot clocks will need to be turned on using the remote, if they have been idle for a while.



If you require a Shot clock kit for other rinks besides the locations listed on the first page, please follow up with the Office Manager Regina Ringette at 306-584-7464 (There are one older set and one new set available). If shot clocks can't be found at the rink, inform the Refs immediately and get instructions on next steps.

Note:

1) Games in Pilot Butte, Balgonie, White city and other towns are accountable for their own shot clock responsibilities. No action required from you.

After the game, the home team should check with the next ringette teams to see if the shot clocks are needed; at which point responsibility is handed over with the remote to the next home team. If no additional games, the remote needs to be returned to the Concierge desk/Rink Manager's office.

Should the clocks not display or work properly try the following corrective steps:

- a) Make sure the cords are all attached and plugged in. (Walk by each clock to confirm)
- b) Ensure that the operator is pointing the remote at the center of the ice and not directly at one clock or the other.
- c) Change the batteries in the remote. (Extra batteries will be at the Concierge desk/Rink Manager's office)
- d) Inform Ref's on any issues at ask for direction. The game may proceed if no shot clocks available.
- e) Contact Office Manager for Regina Ringette at 306-584-7464 for removal and replacement

### The Shot Clock Operator

You are a minor official like the timekeeper or scorekeeper who assists the on-ice officials with operation of the 30 second shot clock. As they need to be accessible for discussion with the refs but also somewhat removed from interference from coaches or spectators, they usually take up a post in the penalty box.

- 1) Stand on top of boards if regular season game
- 2) There are insert platform to stand on for tournament events which are kept at the RRA equipment room (During a tournament the League will provide the stands).

At the end or beginning of the game, the shot clock operator needs to sign the game sheet (Top right section of timesheet) and make sure the remote is either given to the next team or return to the Concierge desk/Rink Manager's office.

**Note:**

- Make sure to tell the on-ice officials if you are newer to operating the shot clock and they will attempt to provide you some extra assistance.
- Get there early to acquire the remote, if the shot clock operator is not there at the beginning of the game, there will be a "Delay of game" penalty for 2:00 mins. for the home team
- Ask for help when in doubt

**Be warned: this job requires you to focus on the ring, shot clocks and the officials; you do not get to watch the game in the same way as a fan or parent!**

The Rules

The shot clock only counts down when the game clock is running and is stopped and started with each whistle. It is not reset on each whistle, only on a possession change, so if the same team keeps possession of the ring, there will be times where the clock is stopped, but not reset for the next play. When there is less than the 30 seconds on the game clock, the shot clock shall remain at 30.

The shot clock is reset when:

- a) The team in possession of the ring takes a shot on net. A shot on net is defined as:
  - the ring enters the net
  - The ring contacts the goal post or crossbar.
  - the ring contacts the goalie within the goal crease
  - the ring contacts the goalie outside of the crease and the contact prevents a goal
- b) Control of the ring changes teams (a defensive player blocking/deflecting a shot does not have control).

Control is defined as:

  - A skater places the stick into the ring, propels the ring with the stick, bats or kicks the ring (note: deflection off a player is not a reset)
  - A goalkeeper, within the goal crease, prevents the ring from entering the net and the ring comes to rest inside or contacting 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.
  - The ring comes to rest inside or contacting the goal crease.
- c) A delayed penalty is signalled (additional penalties do not result in additional resets)

- d) The team with the ring commits a violation which causes a stoppage (i.e. Crease violation)
- e) The start of a new period.

If the shot clock is reset in error, play will continue on.

**Note:**

- If in doubt whether to reset the clock or not, wait and look to the on-ice officials for guidance. (The reset signal has the official extending an arm partially up with the forefinger making a circular motion).
- Fellow minor officials (Scorekeeper/Timekeeper) can be asked for assistance if you need help seeing the referee's signal
- The officials will often call for a reset as well, but look for the signal before resetting as a team often yells for a player to shoot on the goalie to reset the clock.
- Don't anticipate. Better to be off by a second than to reset it when it should not be reset. Whenever in doubt (Ring hitting the side of the net instead of the post or when ring is along the boards or in a scrum of players), don't reset – look to the referees.
- You may be asked by the officials to run down the shot clock to time the 30 second time outs.
- Injured player timeout does not require a reset, the team that had the ring before the injury restarts with it.
- Other Provinces have different rules for U12-U19 Ringette shot clocks operations, if travelling check with tournament coordinators for understanding.

Ringette Canada official rules

Ringette Canada has developed an app for all rules and casebook. The application allows

users to search specific rules or officiating signals. It is currently available on iOS and android only for an introductory price of 0.99\$

Or

Additional information for shot clock scenarios can be obtained through the Ringette Canada website: [www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca) under – Rule book – Table of contents – Annex A – Shot clock – Page 170k