

2 vs 3 Person Mechanics

Situation	Same	Different	
		2 Person	3 Person
Pre-Game	Coaches, Captain, Table		
Face Offs	Face off official	Lead Left - Has wing lines, sideline, and restraining line Violations - Trail restarts play. May or may not be the FO Official	Lead Left - Assist with faceoff, cover restraining line and sideline. Running Right - Wing lines, sideline, restraining line. Violations - FO official has restart
Transition	Lead & Trail		Single has counts and primary on offsides
Offsides	Lead	Trail is Primary	Single is Primary Trail is Secondary
Counts	Trail- Crease count	Trail - 20 second Lead - 10 second	Single - 20 & 10 count
Settled	Trail	Lead - Goal line, End line, Sideline, Primary on crease	Lead - Goal line, End line, Primary on crease Single - Sideline, Secondary on crease
Over & Back	Trail	Restart - Old lead/ New trail	Restart- Single <i>except near sub area where old lead/new trail should restart play</i>
After a Goal		Trail has next faceoff	Lead has next faceoff
Time Outs & End of Period	Any Official may call timeout Bench side official(s) preventative presence near the sub area to encourage uneventful player crossovers	Bench side official may be the Lead, far from the sub/cross over area, therefore the far side trail should be diligent & hustle to be a preventative presence & encourage uneventful player crossover.	Trail - in common Time Out situations (goalie or long stick with possession across midfield and being pressured, late in the quarter, uneven situation and player being double teamed) get near the head coach to make Time Out call easier

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