



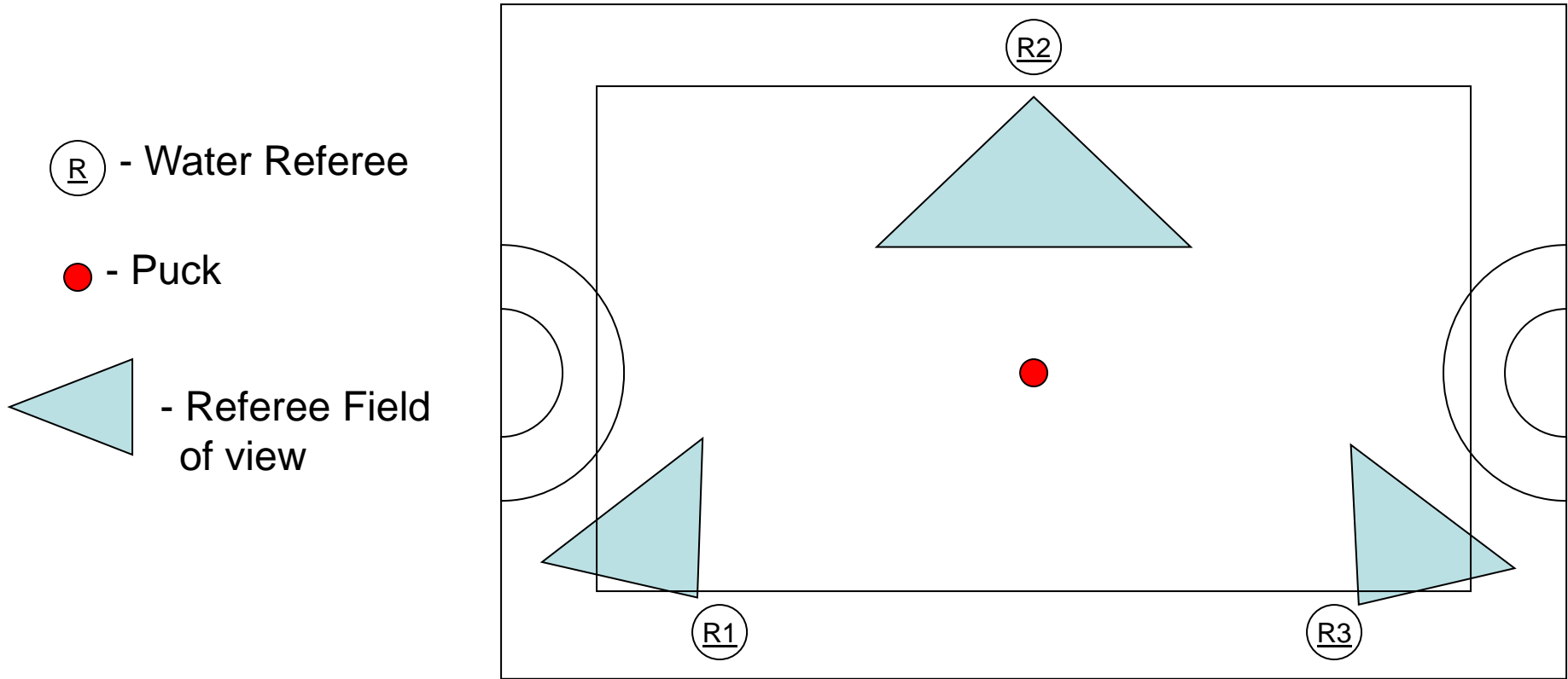
UWH LEVEL 1 REFEREE COURSE

Section 6 – Basic Positioning

3 Referee System Positioning and Movement

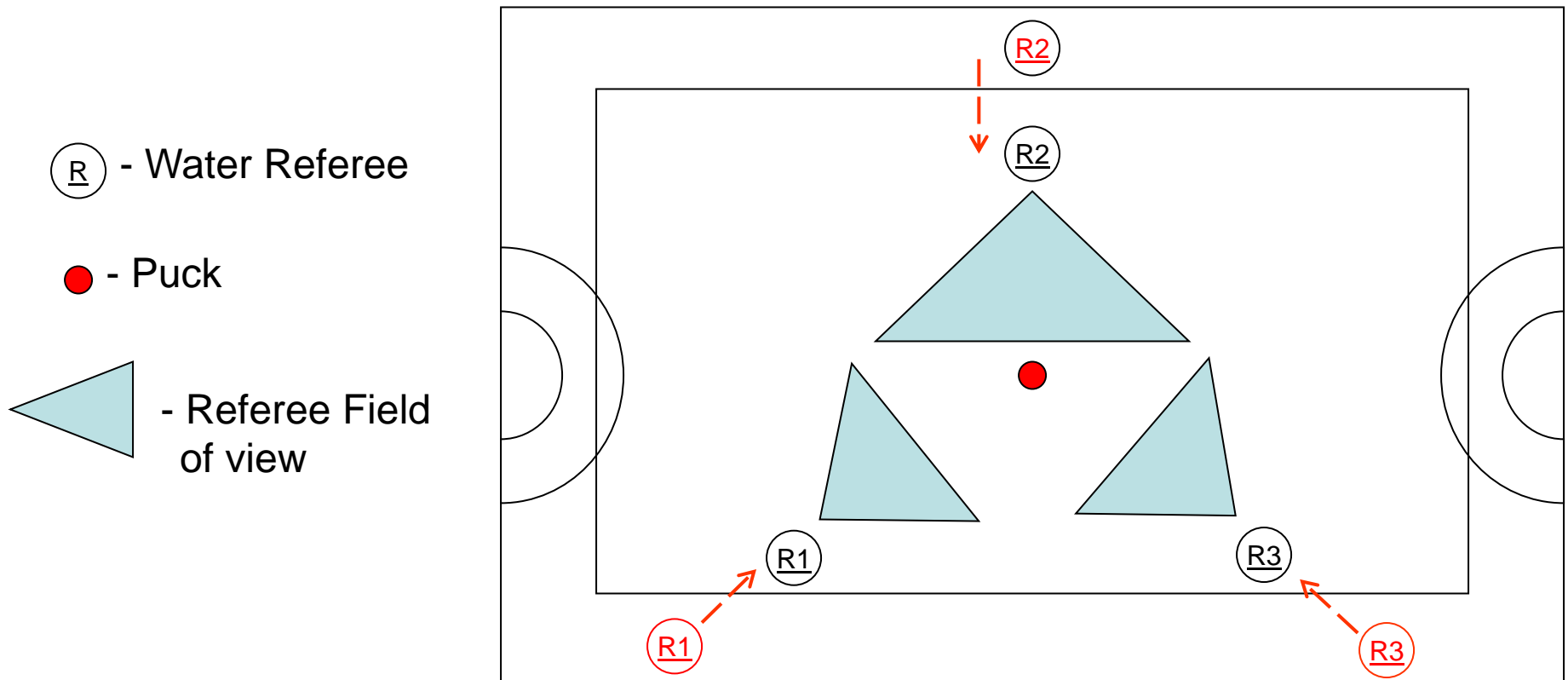
- This was implemented to improve the refereeing of Underwater Hockey Games
- Previously we used 2-way refereeing with two referees, however, the 2-way system left considerable areas of the playing area not covered by the referees
- Used properly, the 3-way system will ensure that all of the playing area can be monitored by the three in water referees
- Try and referee with experienced referees – this will make easier to learn and understand the process
- The more you use it the better you get
- It takes some getting use to but with practice it is an integral part of the referees toolbox

3 Referee System – Setup for Start Of Play



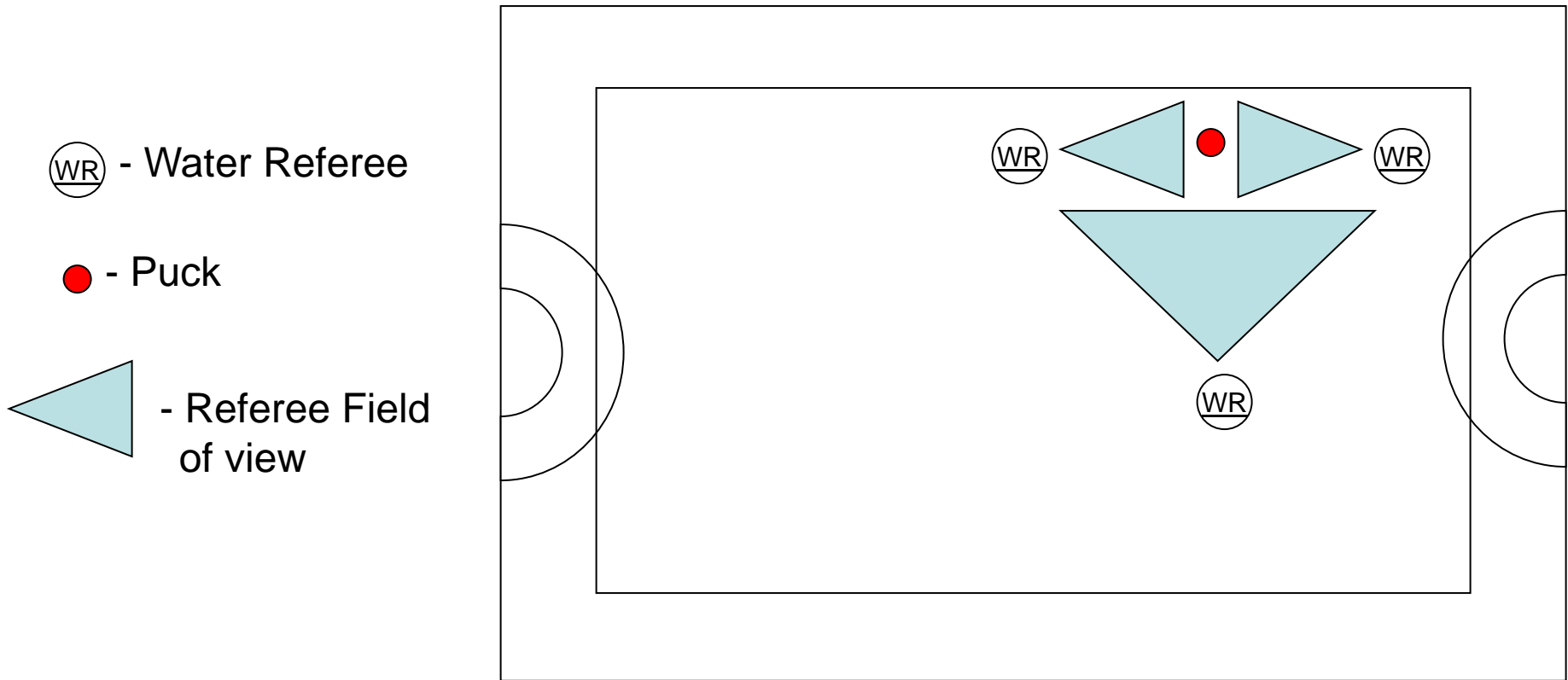
Water Referees (R1, R2 (in front of the chief referee), R3) in their initial position at start of play. Note the referees field of view for each referee.

3 Referee System – Initial Movement





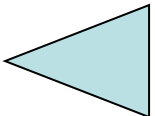
Referees move towards the center of play after the faceoff. Depending upon the puck movement will determine the position of each referee.

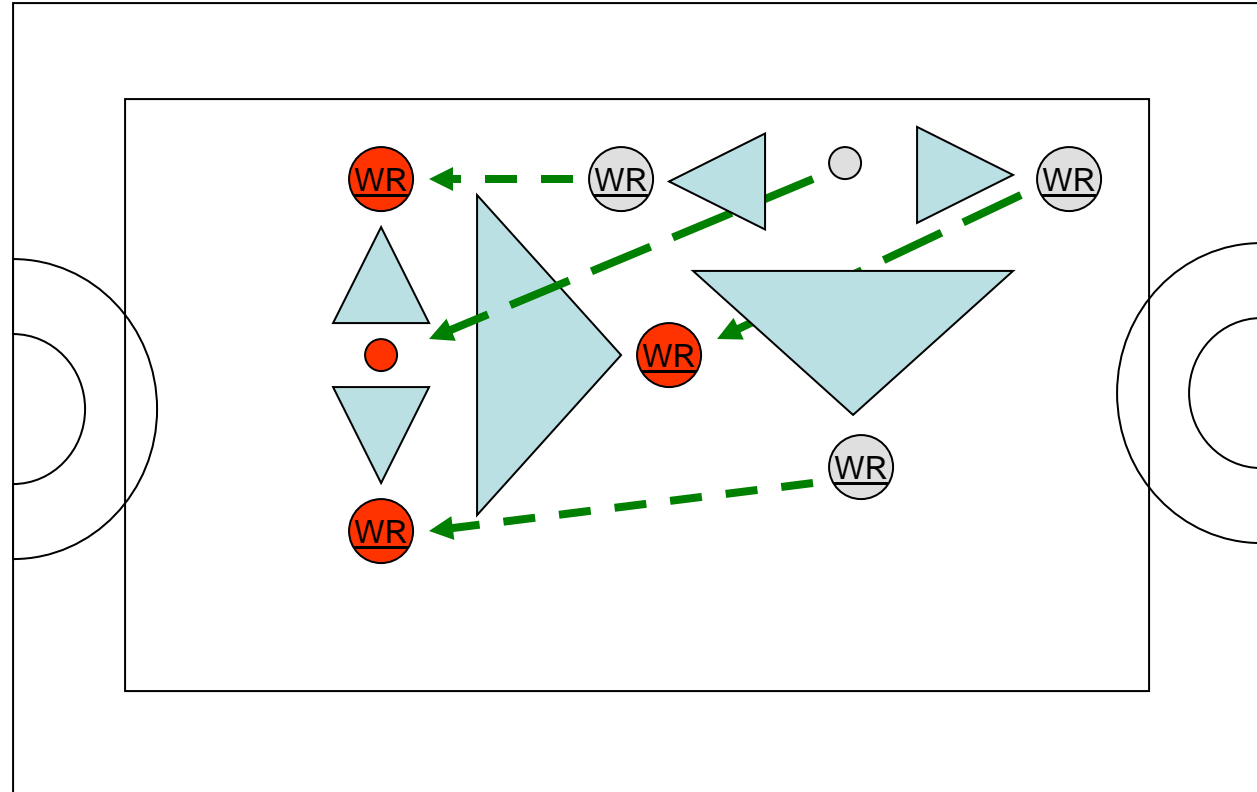
3 Referee System – Positioning during game play



- Referees must move with the puck at all times.
- Positioning is extremely important so that the infractions can be seen clearly.
- The ideal positioning in the 3 referee system is to form a triangle around the puck at all times.
- The 2 referees closest to the puck will watch the immediate play while the 3rd referee watches for other infractions outside of the immediate puck area.

3 Referee System – Moving with the play

-  • Water Referee (new position)
-  • Puck (new position)
-  - Referee Field of view

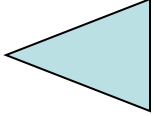


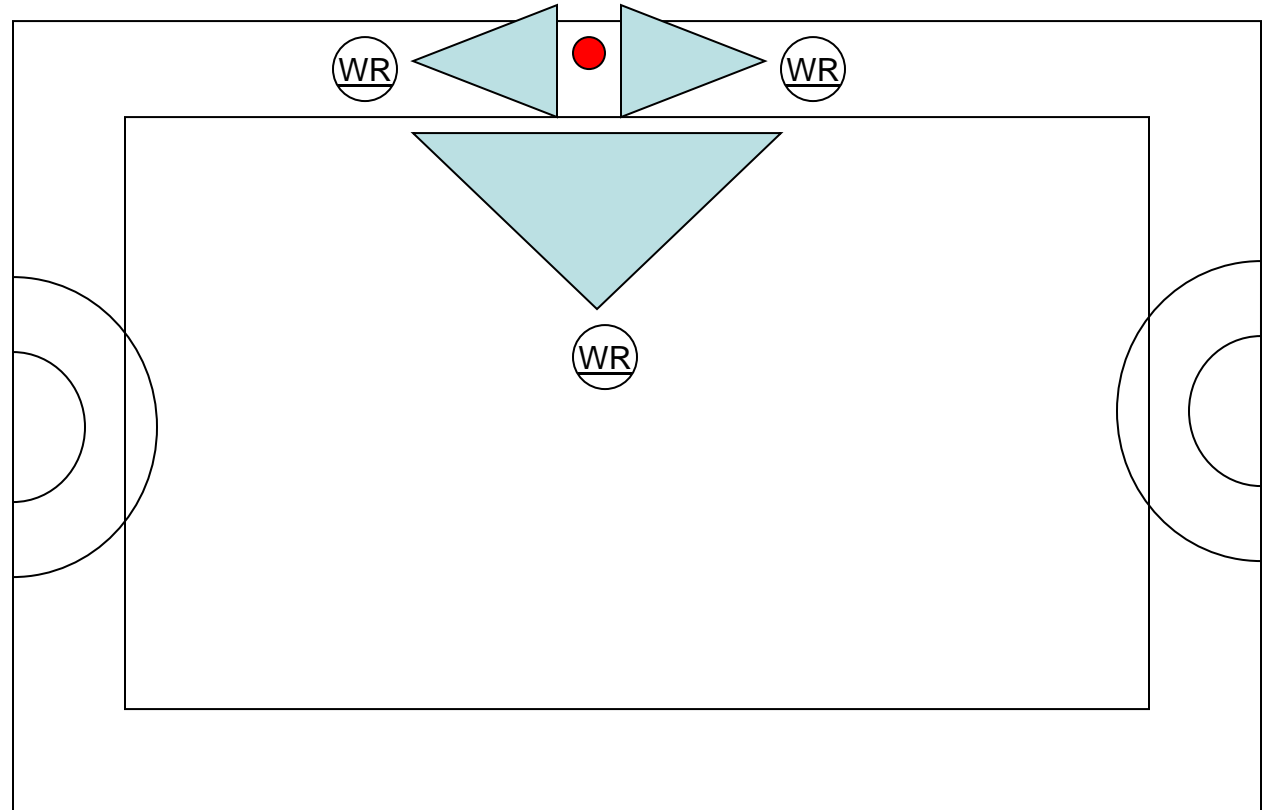
- Referees move with the play as indicated here towards the left side of the pool. The grey items indicate the initial position of the referees and puck while the red indicate the new positions once the puck moves.
- Note the referees new position once again forms a “triangle” formation around the puck / players. Again, this gives the best view perspective for all referees and the best chance to see an infraction and make the correct call.

3 Referee System – Puck along the side wall

 - Water Referee

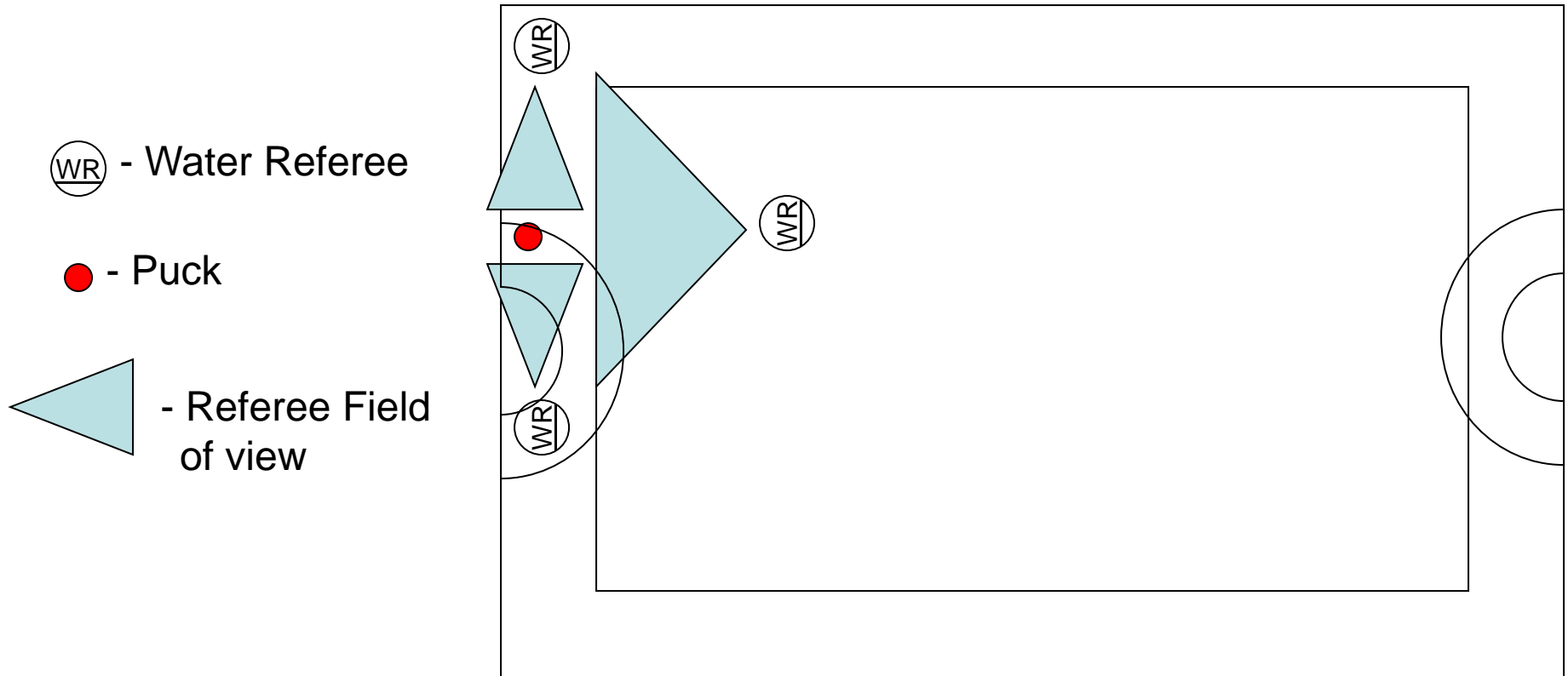
 - Puck

 - Referee Field of view



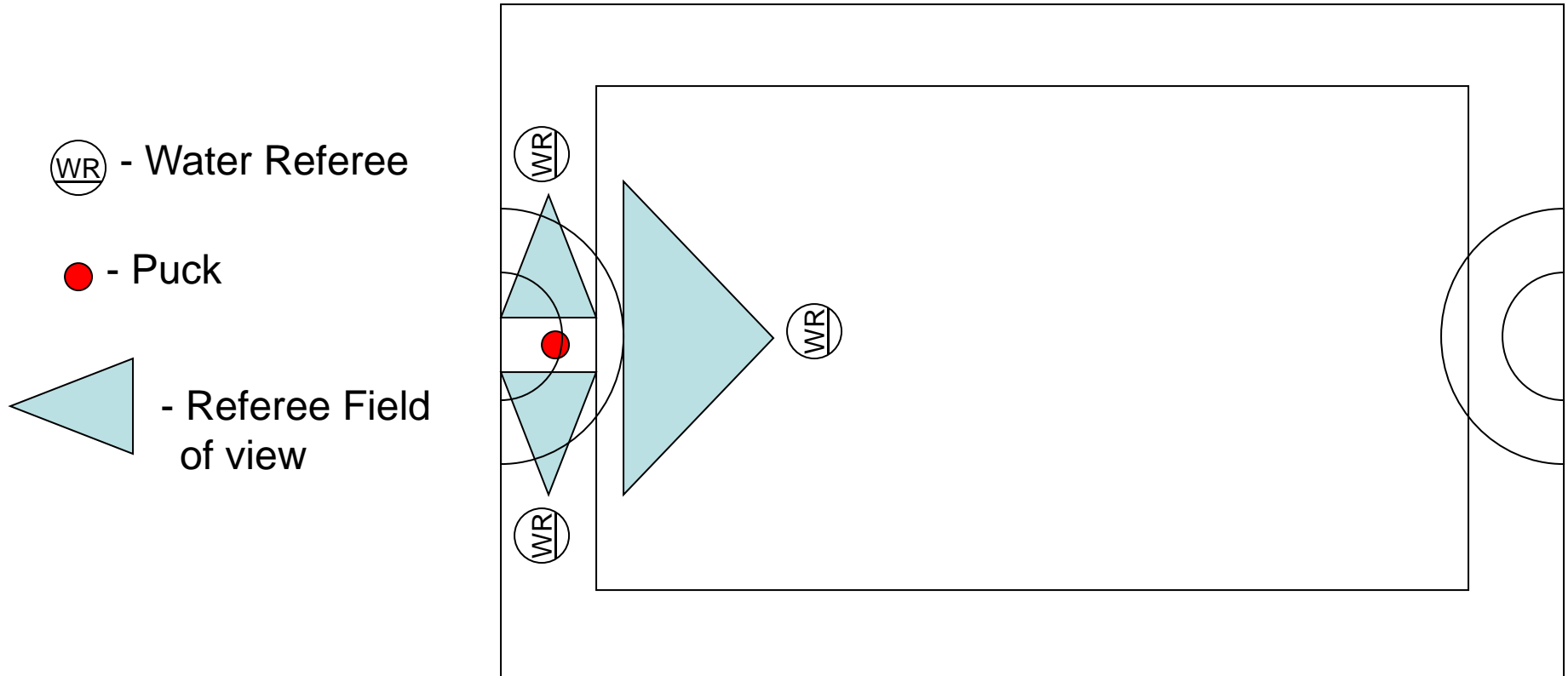
- When the puck is along one of the side walls the referees should be positioned as shown above.
- There should be 1 referee on either side of the puck with the 3rd referee out towards the middle pool area away from the side lines.
- As the play changes direction the referees move accordingly to keep their triangle formation and view of the puck.

3 Referee System – Puck along the end wall



- When the puck is along one of the end walls the referees should be positioned as shown above.
- There should be 1 referee on either side of the puck with the 3rd referee out towards the middle pool area away from the end wall.
- As the play changes direction the referees move accordingly to keep their triangle formation and view of the puck.

3 Referee System – Penalty Shot setup



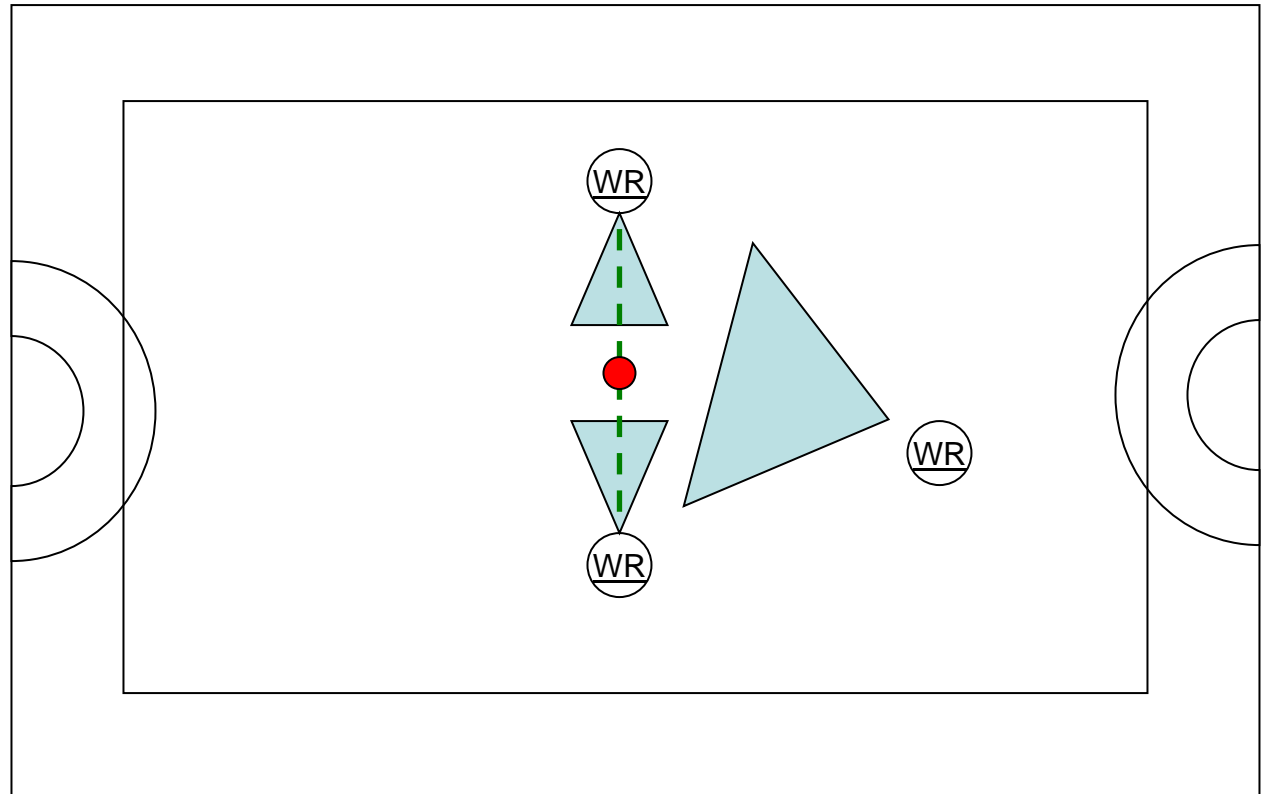
- Positioning of the referees for the penalty shot should be as shown above.
- The 2 referees along the end wall will observe the defender as the initial play begins and have the best view of the goal area.
- The referee towards the mid pool will observe the 2 attackers as play begins but also have a good field of view towards the goal.

3 Referee System – Setting up for an Equal Puck

WR - Water Referee

● - Puck

▲ - Referee Field of view

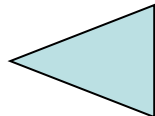


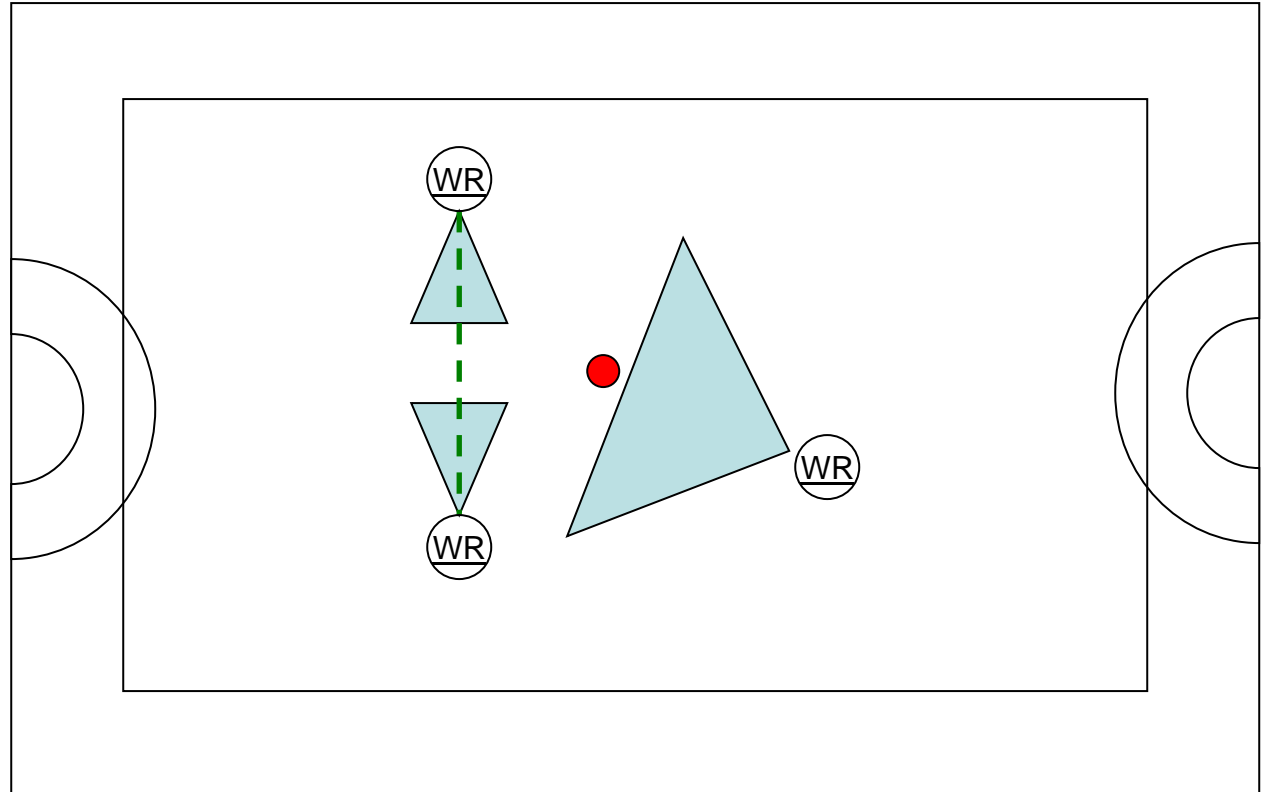
- During an equal puck 2 referees will set the imaginary line. The 3rd referee will have fetched the puck and placed it accordingly for the start of play.
- The 3rd referee will take up a position on either side of the imaginary line and slightly away from the center of the play.
- The 3rd referee should use his / her judgment when choosing which side of the line to be on (choose the side in which you feel is the stronger team – as the play starts to move then you will likely be in the best position to adjust quickly with minimal effort).

3 Referee System – Setting up for an Advantage Puck

 - Water Referee

 - Puck

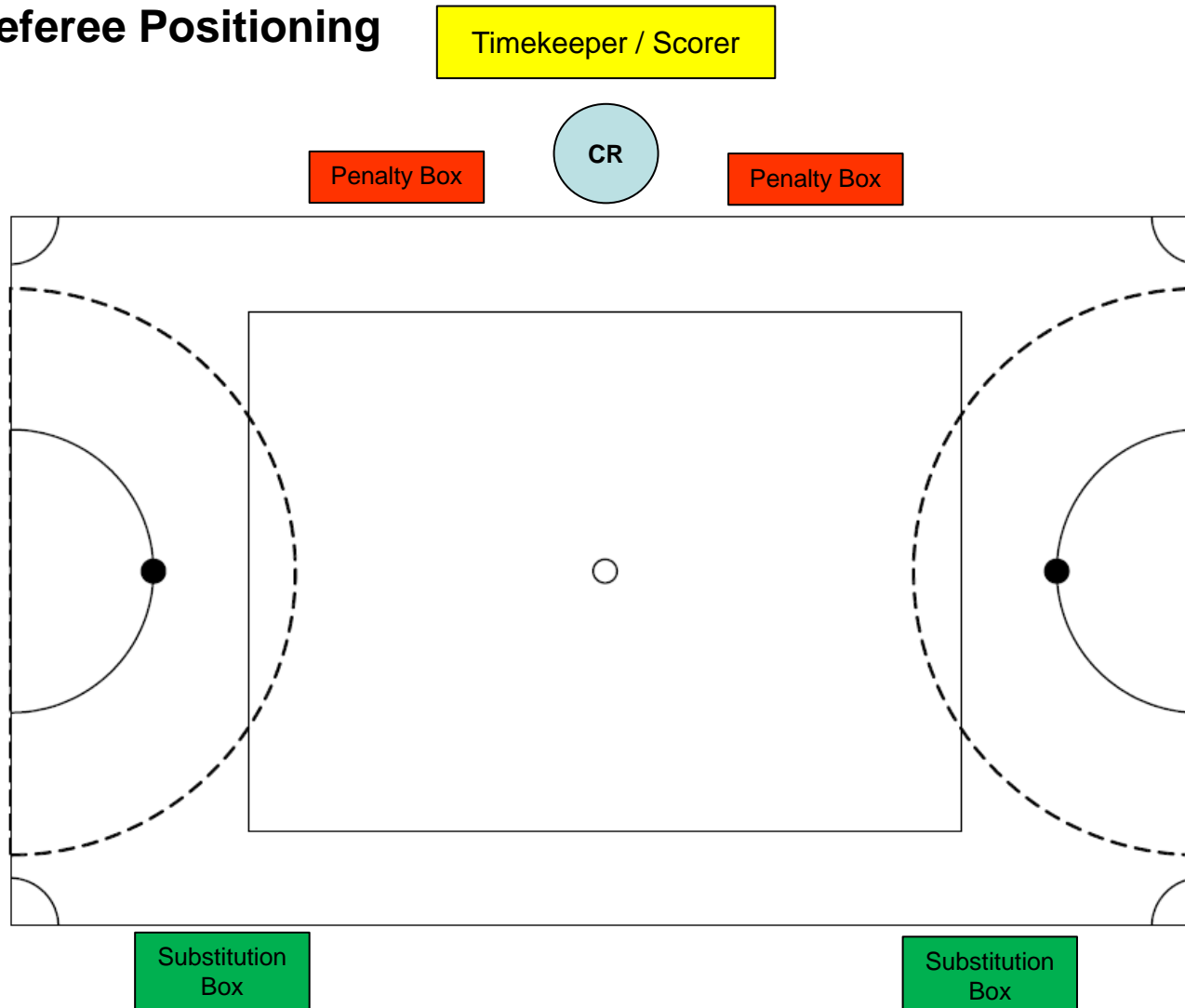
 - Referee Field of view



- During an advantage puck 2 referees will set the imaginary line and push the team which committed the foul 3 meters back of the puck. The 3rd referee will have fetched the puck and placed it accordingly for the start of play.
- The 3rd referee will take up a position on the side of the imaginary line and slightly away from the center of the play of the team who has the advantage.

Section 6 - Basic Positioning / Moving With Play

Chief Referee Positioning



The Chief Referee is located typically in front of the timekeeper / scorekeeper desk and in between the 2 penalty boxes (dependent upon pool facility / layout)

