

UWH LEVEL 1 REFEREE COURSE

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Referees - Keeping Control

A good referee does not “control the game” but rather keeps the game “in control”.

- i. A referee is a neutral arbitrator.
- ii. A good referee is always in control.

Control consists of:

- Concentration
- Knowing the rules
- Positioning
- Fitness
- Communication
- Composure



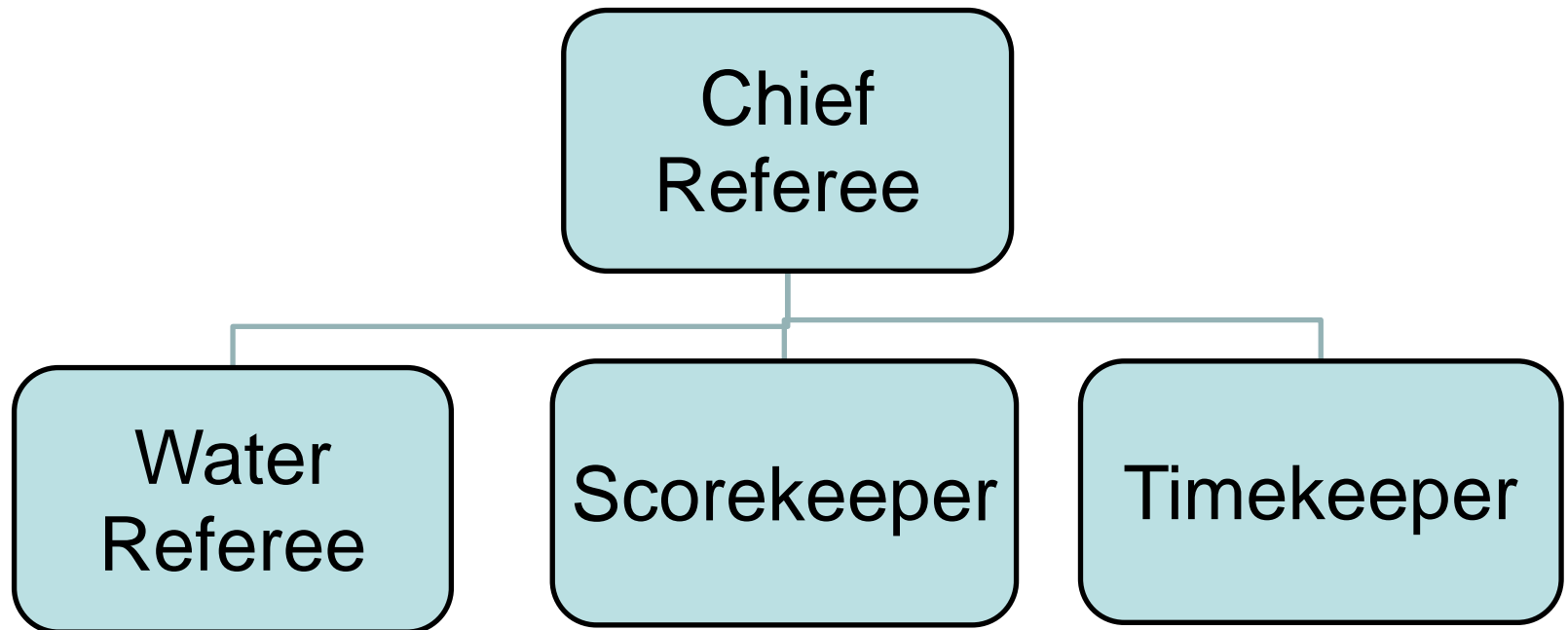
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Referee Qualities & Expectations

- Referees must act within the rules to promote fair, safe play - anything viewed as rough or unsafe play will fall under a penalty of some sort and must be called
- Act calm at all times – no emotion
- Be decisive - know your rules. If you are unsure, players will see this and continuously challenge your call.
- Be neutral in and out of water. Keep comments to yourself or other referees and out of hearing range of players
- Keep the game flowing, use advantage rule
- Be quick in calling and handling the appropriate penalties and getting the game restarted efficiently. Time will not stop
- Expect the unexpected

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Officials for an Underwater Hockey Game



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Chief Referee

- **The Chief Referee is in charge of all aspects and conduct of game**
- Signal's the start, restart and end of the game, time outs and referee time
- Signals the reason for penalties and time of a given penalty
- Signals to timekeepers and scorekeepers
 - the cap number of penalised players and their time penalty
 - Cap number of the goal scorers
- Watches for surface infringements and illegal substitutions
- Confirms score sheet at end of the match

The Chief Referee can also be referred to as a "Deck Referee"



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Water Referee

- Inspects all playing equipment before game
- Make sure goals are in correct locations at beginning of match
- The 3 referees are each responsible to cover all sections of the pool (on a rotating basis)
- Enforces rules at all times to ensure fair play
- Signal the chief referee to stop play by use of hand signals
- Signal chief ref the penalties, type, and cap number of penalised player
- Placing the puck after a goal is scored, penalties, etc and ensure the puck is placed correctly (**in the right place**) to restart
- Watch positioning / rotate with other referees and listen for signals indicating a stop in play
- Stopping play immediately if an injury occurs and assist injured player to side of pool
- Check and verify score sheet at end of game and sign

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Timekeeper / Scorer

With the implementation of computer-based timekeeping and scoring the roles of Timekeeper and Scorer have for most non international tournaments merged into a single role. At international tournaments, the referees typically undertake these roles as part of the Referee Team

The key roles and responsibilities for the Timekeeper and Scorer are:

- Stop and start time at request of the chief referee
 - Team time outs – especially the correct team that was granted the team time out
 - Referee time outs
 - Stopping the clock in the last two minutes for infringements
- Ensure scoring system and manual record reflects
 - The correct scores for the respective teams; and
 - The cap numbers of the players that scored the goals (if recorded)
- Time penalised players and indicate to chief referee when the time period is completed