



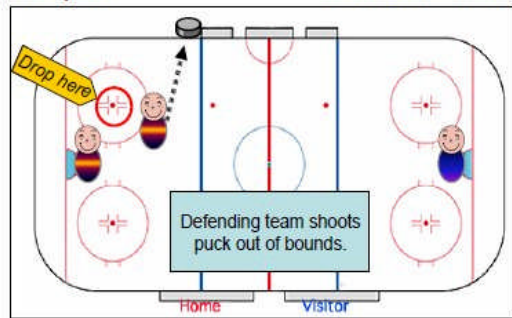
FACE-OFF LOCATIONS

A SUMMARY AND INTERPRETATION OF RELATED CONCEPTS AND REFERENCES

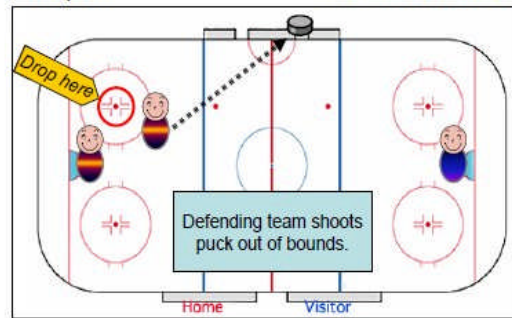
References: Hockey Canada Playing Rules and Hockey Canada Information Bulletin i0905 dated 15 August 08

1. Face-offs shall only occur at one of the 9 face-off dots on the rink.
2. Only use the centre ice face-off spot:
 - a. At the start of periods,
 - b. After goals,
 - c. After an erroneous icing call, and
 - d. After a premature substitution of the goaltender foul (unless otherwise stated in Rule 2.5(f)).
3. When a defending player causes a stoppage of play that results in a face-off in his/her defending zone, the face-off shall occur at nearest end zone face-off spot. Likewise, when icing or an intentional off-side is called the face-off shall occur at one of the offending team's defending zone face-off spots.
4. When neither team is solely responsible for a stoppage of play in an end zone, the face-off shall occur at the nearest end zone face-off spot (unless otherwise covered in the rules). Similarly, when the puck goes out of bounds off an official positioned in an end zone the face-off shall occur at the end zone face-off spot nearest to the place where the official was struck by the puck.
5. When an attacking player causes a stoppage of play in the attacking zone, the face-off shall occur at the nearest neutral zone face-off spot (unless otherwise covered in the rules). Likewise, unless otherwise covered in the rules, the face-off shall occur at the nearest neutral zone face-off spot when an attacking player comes deeper into the end zone than the top of the face-off circles when a gathering occurs after the whistle.
6. The method used to determine the location of face-offs in the neutral zone following an immediate or delayed off-side call is different than the method used to determine the neutral zone face-off location for other violations of the rules. For example:
 - a. When an immediate or delayed off-side is called and the rules call for a face-off in the neutral zone, the face-off shall occur at the neutral zone face-off spot (excluding centre ice) nearest to the place where the offending team last touched the puck, without regard for any loss or gain of territorial advantage that may occur;
 - b. When one team is solely responsible for a stoppage of play in the neutral zone for a reason other than off-side, the face-off shall occur at one of the two face-off spots nearest to the offending team's blue line (unless otherwise covered in the rules);
 - c. When neither team is solely responsible for causing a stoppage of play in the neutral zone, the face-off shall take place at the neutral zone face-off spot (excluding centre ice) nearest to the place where possession last occurred;
 - d. When the puck goes out of bounds off an official positioned in the neutral zone, the face-off shall occur at the neutral zone face-off spot (excluding centre ice) nearest to the place where the official was struck by the puck.

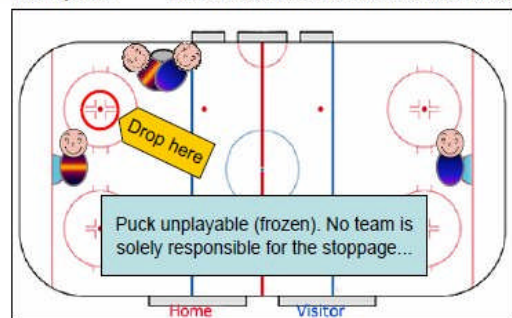
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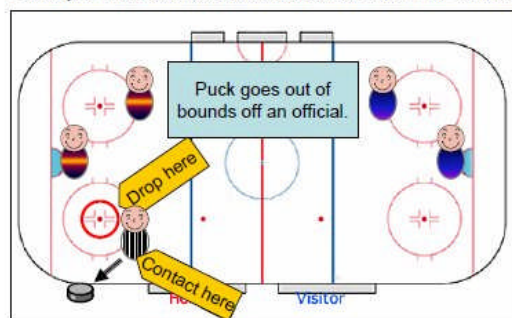
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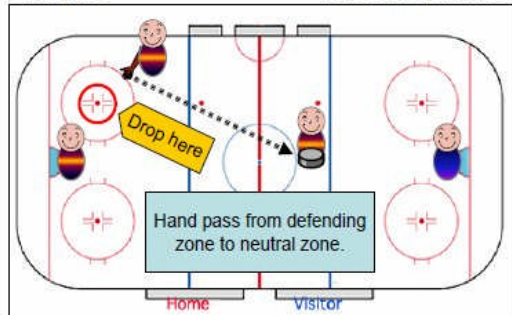
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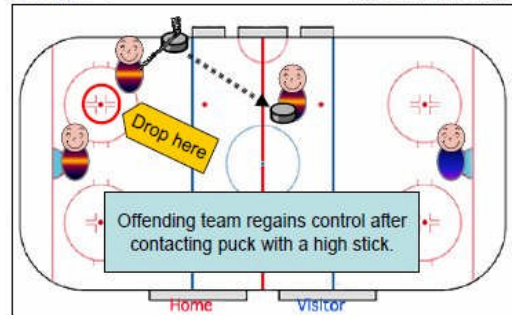
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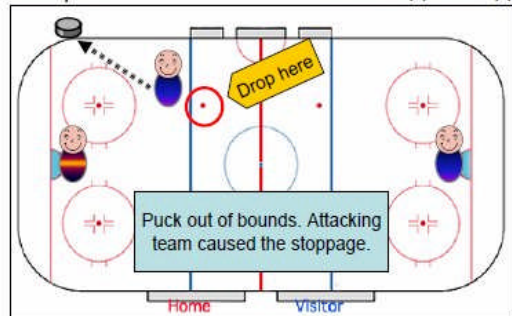
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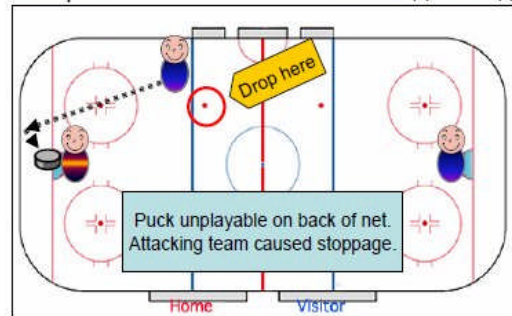
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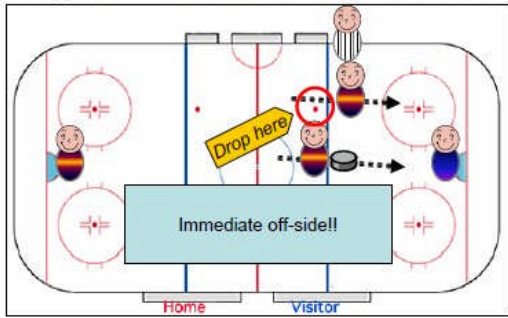
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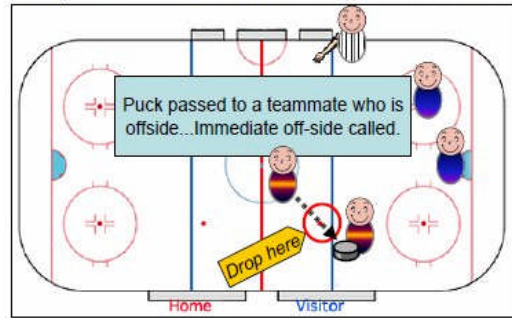
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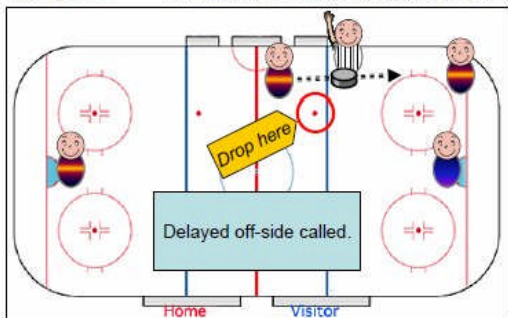
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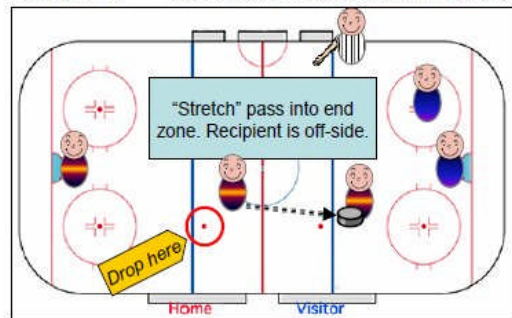
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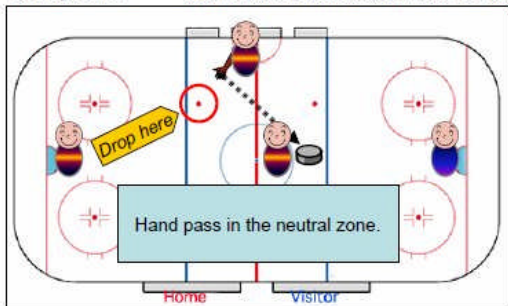
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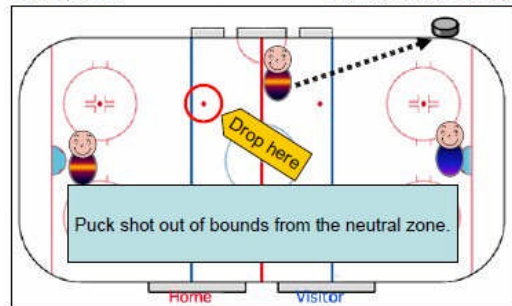
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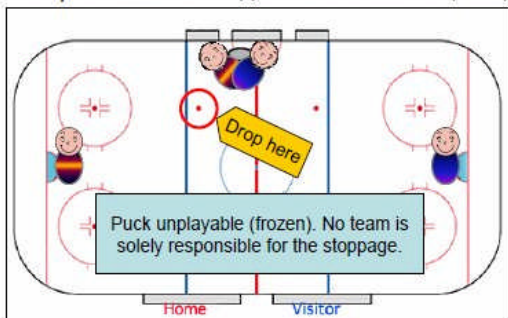
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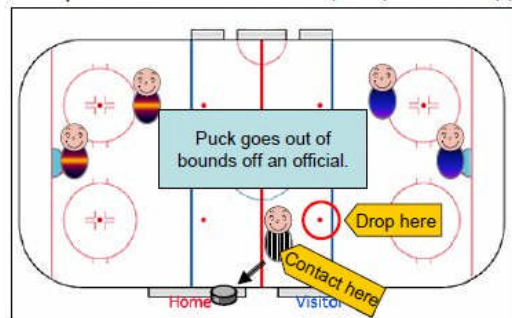
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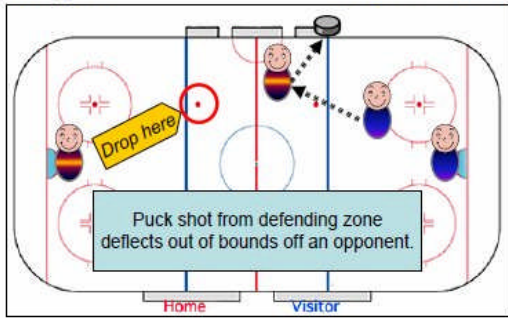
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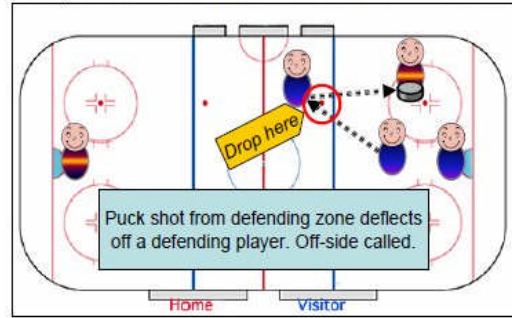
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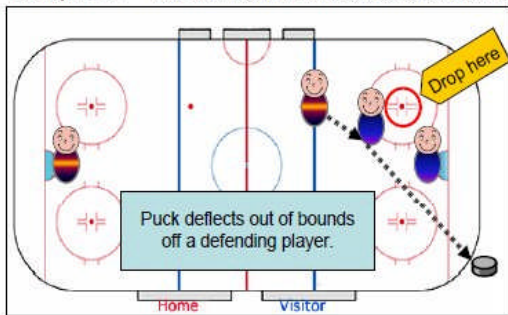
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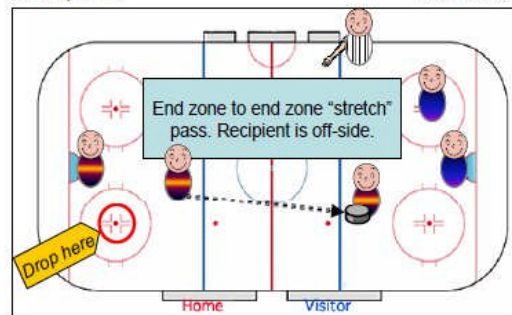
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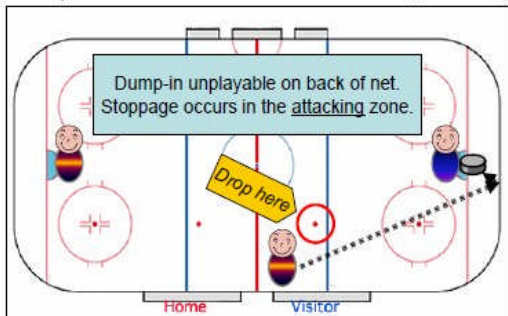
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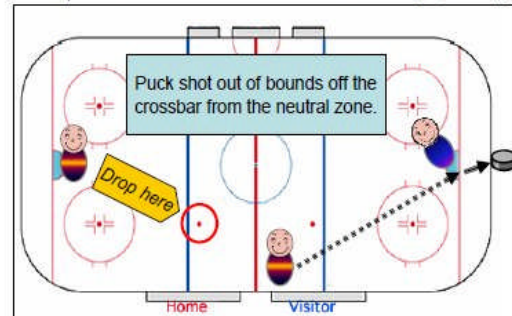
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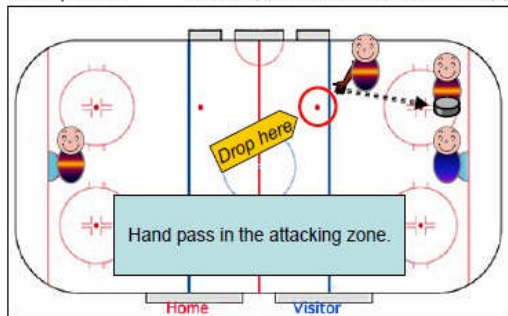
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