



There are exceptions to the clock rules below that have purposefully been omitted in order to simplify the learning process. Below are the basics that a new official should understand.

### To Begin the Game

The clock starts for the first time when R touches a free kick.

### The clock shall start on the ready for play whistle:

	Sub-Varsity	Varsity
When B or R is awarded a new series	Yes	No
After penalty enforcement	Yes	Yes
After an official's time-out	Yes	Yes
At the beginning of a period	Yes	No
After an inadvertent whistle	Yes	Yes

(NOTE: "No" denotes that the clock shall start on the snap.)

### The clock shall start with the snap:

	Sub-Varsity	Varsity
When the ball goes out of bounds	Yes	Yes
When B or R is awarded a new series	No	Yes
After an incomplete forward pass	Yes	Yes
After a charged time-out	Yes	Yes
At the beginning of a period	No	Yes
When a team attempts to consume time illegally	Yes	Yes
When the penalty for delay of game is accepted	Yes	Yes

(NOTE: "No" denotes that the clock shall start on the ready for play.)

### The clock shall be stopped when:

1. The down ends following a foul
2. An official's time-out is taken
3. A charged time-out is granted
4. The period ends
5. The ball is out of bounds
6. Any forward pass is incomplete
7. A score or touchback occurs
8. A fair catch is made

### If the clock is stopped, it will start on the ready-for-play signal if it was stopped:

9. By an official's time-out
10. Because a foul occurred
11. Because of an inadvertent whistle
12. An inadvertent whistle is sounded