

NCPAL Lacrosse Box Supervisor Suggested Responsibilities

The Box Supervisor is NOT a Certified Official. The box supervisor is a volunteer. If you wish to pay him or her, this is up to your organization.

Thank you all for joining us in our effort to have the box and sidelines for our games run in the most efficient, safe and helpful way possible. Some of you asked at the meeting what the Box Supervisor would or could do.

Set forth below are some suggestions of what your Box Supervisor would or could do. However, please feel free to add any other ideas that you believe will make the experience on your home fields the most positive, safe experience possible for the kids.

1. **Who Should Be Your Supervisor:** This is up to your program. It should be a responsible person who understands the game and can help the players, coaches and officials in having the box and sidelines run efficiently and safely. It can be a Parent, a Coach (including your 4th coach) or a High School Senior (looking for community Service). However, whoever it is must act in a neutral fashion and can NOT coach or officiate in any way from the box.
2. **What Are His/Her Responsibilities. Make sure the box stays clear.** Nobody (not coaches, players or fans) is to be in the box during a game unless they are subbing or they are in the box for a penalty.
3. **Help control the sidelines.** Help with team sideline control to make sure all players on both teams are back off the sideline. Periodically walk the sideline and ask players and coaches to stay back off the sideline so that if play comes near or over the line nobody is run into.
4. **Keep coaches off the field.** Coaches are NOT to be on the field except for second grade games. The Box Supervisor can help coaches remember that by asking them to stay off the field.
5. **Make Sure The Field Is Properly Set Up:** Prior to the game he or she should make sure that there are cones on every corner of the field and one across the field on the midfield line. There will be no cone on the midfield line in the box. We have also given you extra cones to help mark the ends of the box. The Box Supervisor should also make sure that there are balls on both endlines and make sure the crease is marked. It would not be a bad idea to have powder or something else in the box that the supervisor can use to help touch up the crease between games if needed. A clearly defined crease helps everyone – the goalie, the other players and the officials.
6. **Keep the Game and Penalty Time.** The box supervisor can keep the game and/or penalty time. To do so, our rules say there should be two timekeeping devices, one for game time and one for penalty time. If there is a time keeper and box supervisor, at the end of each quarter the table scorer will notify the box supervisor that there is one minute left in the quarter and give the count down to

the Box Supervisor. The Box Supervisor will blow the horn at zero. Neither the Box Supervisor nor any other timekeeper can go on to the field to count down the last minute. A horn should be used to signal the end of play.

7. **Release a Player When a Penalty ends.**
8. **Blow the horn for substitutions and the end of quarters.** We have supplied you with an air horn that the Box Supervisor can use for substitutions and at the end of quarters.
9. **Help Explain Things to Young Players.** If a player in the box for a penalty has a question about what he or she did the Box Supervisor can help them understand what the foul was that was called and how it can be avoided in the future.
10. **Help Players Understand Proper On the Fly Substitution.** The Box Supervisor can make sure young players know how to substitute properly. For example, when to go in and on what side of the field.
11. **What Should the Box Supervisor NOT Do. The box supervisor can NOT call any fouls** nor can he or she coach a team or any player from the box. The Box Supervisor at all times must be totally neutral.
12. **The box supervisor should NOT keep the score book.** The box supervisor has enough to do. You should have someone else keep the score book.
13. **What Should the Box Supervisor Do if There Is a Problem.** The Box Supervisor can always speak to the officials if there is a problem. As a Director you must also give your Box Supervisors your cell phone number and the number for any assistants you have so that they can call you. The Box Supervisor should call you first if there is a problem. You can then get in touch with Mike Nelson or any other PAL Board Member. The Box Supervisor should **NEVER** try to address **ANY** problem on their own.
14. **How Can You Help Your Box Supervisor.** We have great coaches, but there are exceptions. Please make sure every one of your coaches knows that they are to respect the other team and its coaches, the officials, the Box Supervisor and The Game. Do NOT tolerate any of your coaches who will not show that respect at all times. Because this is the first year using the Box Supervisor please have a specific meeting with all of your coaches to go over these principles of respect, and expressly go over the Box Supervisor position. It also would be a great idea to have every one of your coaches be the Box Supervisor for one other team's game. You learn a lot when you see how other coaches sometimes act.

Thank you again for all of your help!