



DRESSING ROOM SUPERVISION POLICY

To best ensure safety for all participants, all minor hockey programs sanctioned by Hockey Canada and its Members are required to implement the 'Rule of Two' for all dressing rooms.

Team Officials (Head & Assistant Coaches)

- Team Officials are ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of their participants at all times during any sanctioned event.
- This includes while participants are in the dressing rooms **BOTH PRIOR TO**, and **AFTER ALL** on-ice activities. It is also the responsibility of all Team Officials to instruct participants regarding this Policy to ensure participants are complying with it.

Supervision - "Rule of Two" / "2-Deep"

- The Head Coach will be responsible to ensure there are two (2) responsible adults monitoring the team dressing room **BEFORE and AFTER** each ice time.
- These adults may be any Team Official or adult selected by the Head Coach or Team Manager; however, order of preference would be:
 - **Adult Option #1 (preferred) – Team Officials: Head Coaches / Assistant Coaches**
 - **Adult Option #2 – Team Manager**
 - **Adult Option #3 – Team Parent**

Responsibility & Consequences

- Adults must be present **IN** the dressing rooms, **OR IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE** the dressing room **with the door propped open** to monitor the environment and ensure it is free of any discrimination, harassment, bullying, or other forms of maltreatment.
- Failure to comply with having supervision may result in the suspension of the Head Coach for a period of at least one (1) game.
- **Any adult found complicit with undesirable activity** will be suspended for a period of at least one (1) year.

Re-entering Dressing Rooms

- Participants should not be permitted back in the dressing room during games or practices except in cases of injury, game misconduct/ejection or equipment malfunction.
- In these cases, two (2) members of the coaching staff will accompany the participant in the dressing room. In the event of injury, the participants' parent(s)/guardian(s) are permitted in the dressing room.