



# CRMHA Dressing Room Policy

## COACHING PRESENCE IN THE ROOM:

All coaching staff that will be in the presence of children in the dressing room shall have the following minimum certifications:

- Respect In Sport!
- Criminal Records Check (CRC) & Vulnerable Sector Check!

The following criteria must be followed based on the team rules that state expected show up times and for games and practices. For example, if the team rule is that all players are expected to be in the dressing room 45 minutes prior to the start of a game or practice , then two (2) authorized coaching staff/team representative(s) are expected to be there at that time also.

This same rule applies after the game or practice; the players should not be left alone.

Two (2) coaches or two (2) team representatives with a afore-mentioned qualifications ( See bullets, above) are to be in the dressing room with the players at all times.

*\*\* A Team Representative is an individual(s) that has Respect In Sport and an approved Criminal Records Check (CRC) and has been designated as the individual who can provide dressing room supervision\*\**

## PARENTS IN THE DRESSING ROOM:

### Pre-novice, Novice and Atom Divisions

Parents are permitted in the dressing room to assist their child in getting their hockey gear on and off. Once the child is dressed in their hockey gear, the parents are required to leave the dressing room. After the game or practice, parents will be permitted back into the dressing room to assist their child in removing their hockey gear, only after the coaching staff has had the opportunity to address any issues from the game or practice.

Atom aged players should be encouraged to start tightening their own skates and dressing themselves. Coaches may assist if need be.

## **Pee Wee, Bantam and midget Divisions**

Parent are not permitted in the dressing rooms. The following instances are the exceptions:

- A medical emergency where the parents' presence may be essential to the wellbeing of their child; and
- An invitation is extended by the coaching staff.

## **Female Players Requiring a Separate Dressing Room**

Hockey Canada allows co-ed dressing room situations to exist at the Initiation Program (Pre-Novice), Novice and Atom levels; five to 10 years of age, provided participants in co-ed situation either arrive in full equipment or wear, at minimum, gym shorts or long underwear as well as a full t-shirt ( no tank tops); all of which must be in good condition and without holes or tears.

At the Pee Wee ( 11 years of age) level, and above, the following conditions will apply in co-ed team environments: **Females and males will change in separate dressing rooms.**

Both Genders shall congregate in one dressing room, fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more that 15 minutes prior to scheduled ice time, unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.

The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more that 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated ( to stay longer) by the coaching staff. The gender in the majority shall not begin changing with exceptions of helmets, gloves and skates prior to the departure of the lesser-represented gender.

## **Cell Phone & Personal Digital Devices (PDA's) in Dressing Rooms.**

Electronic Devices include but not limited to – Cameras, Camera Phones and Personal Digital Assistants, PDA'S (iPods©, Blackberry's©, etc)

Technology advancements have allowed cell phones, PDA'S, etc to carry new functions – such as cameras that allow users to secretly photograph objects in front of them while appearing to dial a number. These phones are very popular and widespread.

If someone uses a device in this way and takes a photo and puts it on the Internet, it's a violation of personal privacy and will not be tolerated by the CRMHA.

Therefore, the following policy is effective immediately:

***The use of any form of Camera, Video Camera, Camera Cell Phone or Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) is prohibited in or around any recreational facility change room, during any CRMHA sanctioned event.***

### **Zero Tolerance**

*“There is a zero tolerance for the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco during activities within BC Hockey and CRMHA. All incidents will be investigated and dealt with on an individual basis. The recommended minimum suspension for violation of this policy is 30 days from all participation within the league”.*

#### **Alcohol is prohibited**

- In dressing rooms or in public, non-licensed areas.
- In team settings with minors in attendance.
- In situations where minors are left unsupervised while adults attend “hospitality” type settings or where alcohol is not controlled by a server.

- Consumption in buses or cars when traveling to and from an event.
- Consumed by anyone at minor team parties hosted by other players, parents or team officials.
- If forced on another person.

## **Tobacco use**

Tobacco use is strictly prohibited by players/participants, coaches/leaders, parents, spectators and officials within 7.5 meters (24 ft.) of any BC Hockey facility at doorways, entryways, openable windows and air intakes. Tobacco use is strictly prohibited at the player's bench and inside dressing rooms.

## **DRESSING ROOM CLEANLINESS**

Each team is responsible and expected to clean up after themselves