
**Policies & Procedures
of the
Vancouver Thunderbird
Minor Hockey Association**

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DRESSING ROOM & TWO DEEP POLICY

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Minor hockey organizations are responsible for the reasonable safety and well-being of all minor athletes (under the age of majority) while participating in sport activities. Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey takes this responsibility seriously and has adopted this policy in support of Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey's values of Safety & Support.

Dressing Room

An essential element of this policy is the prioritization of the **Two Deep Method** of supervision, which can be summarized as follows:

1. Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey players under the age of 19 are never to be left unattended in any dressing room at any time.
2. All Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey players under the age of 19 in any dressing room, before, during and after a game or practice, must be supervised at all times in the dressing room by at least two (2) designated adult supervisors, who must be at least 19 years of age. Standing immediately outside the dressing room doorway with the door ajar is not considered compliant supervision.
3. Designated adult supervisors may be team officials and/or any players' legal adult guardians, provided that at least one (1) such designated adult supervisor must be a rostered team official.
4. No player may enter any dressing room until such time as two (2) designated adult supervisors are present in the dressing room; and two (2) designated adult supervisors must remain in the dressing room until the last player has vacated the dressing room.
5. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure that the Two Deep Method of supervision is implemented for his/her team, including the designation of adult supervisors for every game and practice.
6. While Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey currently permits smartphones in the dressing room, the taking of any photographs or video in the dressing room is strictly prohibited.

Injury Treatment

The safety person should avoid treating injuries out of sight of others. Use the Two Deep Method.

Co-Ed Teams

Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey has adopted BC Hockey Co-Ed Dressing Room Policy for any Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey Co-ed teams.

BC HOCKEY CO-ED DRESSING ROOM POLICY

a) In all cases where members of a team include both male and female players, the following dress code will apply in the team dressing room:

i. Male players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts while females are present.

ii. Female players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts and a tee-shirt while males are present.

b) When separate facilities exist for both male and female participants, males and females shall make use of these separate facilities in order to change to the point that they can adhere to the co-ed dress code noted above

NOTE: Once dressed in accordance with the minimum requirements above, all players may return to the team [co-ed] dressing room

c) When separate facilities do not exist for both male and female participants:

i. Players shall dress, undress and shower in shifts while maintaining the minimum dress code noted above.

ii. Players of the under-represented gender shall be granted access to the shower facilities after the balance of the team.

d) It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that these guidelines are followed.

Road Trips

Ideally, personnel and players that are not of the same family unit should not share accommodations, regardless of the potential cost savings or other benefits. If sharing a room is unavoidable, be sure that the Two Deep Method is observed at all times.

Physical Contact

Team personnel must use the Two Deep Method in circumstances where any legitimate physical contact with a player is required.

Isolated Spaces

Parents or legal guardians should never leave their child unsupervised in a facility, nor should they leave their child alone with a single personnel member. Use the Two Deep Method.

Sport and Training Facilities

Participants who are minors should never be left waiting in a facility without the supervision of their parent or legal guardian or personnel member. Use the Two Deep Method.