



Shawville District Minor Hockey Association

Policy	Approved by Executive
Dressing Room Guidelines	2015

Teams should ensure that there is no occasion for one adult to be alone in the dressing room with the players. At least 2 members of the coaching staff should be present with the players. If there is a female player, then one of the adults should be a female.

Coaches need to ensure there is adequate supervision in a dressing room at all times.

Hockey Outaouais recommends that there be no electronics in the dressing rooms. Coaches are encouraged to advise their players that all electronics are to be left with a parent or collected upon entry to the room.

At the Atom level and below, mixed genders may change in the same room at the same time with the presence of two adults. Teams at the Pee Wee level and higher are to utilize the following procedures.

When separate change areas or facilities exist for both male and females participants, males and females shall make use of these separate facilities. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure all players are involved in both the pre-game and post-game activities.

If the facility does not have separate change areas available, teams shall address the issue by having the players dress, undress and shower in shifts. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure the safety of individual players when they are dressing, undressing and showering.

If options 1 and 2 are unavailable, not possible or unmanageable, than individual teams shall be free to relax these rules/guidelines to address the needs of all participants if the team agrees with an alternate plan.

For a co-ed dressing room arrangement to exist at the Pee Wee Level or higher, teams may identify an alternate arrangement provided:

- it provides a safe and manageable sporting environment; and
- there is acceptance of the arrangement and signed consent by ALL parties involved including coaches, team officials, players, parents/guardians and the association/league; and
- a copy of the alternate arrangement along with all supporting Documentation be forwarded to the SDMHA for review.