

CHANGEROOM POLICY

The St Catharines CYO Minor Hockey Changeroom Policy is applicable to all our members including teams, Team Officials, players, executive, family members, and supporters. The Policy encompasses all league activities and events, regardless of the facility location.

“Changeroom” means a change room, dressing room, locker room, or other assigned team changing area for players to change into the appropriate clothes or equipment for the team activity.

“Team Official” means a coach, trainer, assistant coach, assistant trainer, or manager as certified by Hockey Canada, OHF, and ALLIANCE certification programs.

“Screened Individual” means a Team Official, coach, trainer, league executive, or league administrator who has (a) completed the Hockey Canada courses required for the division level and position and (b) provided an OHF approved police Vulnerable Sector Check.

CHANGEROOM POLICY FOR U11 AND UNDER

When in use for team activities, entry into the changerooms is restricted to team players and Team Officials. At the discretion of the Team Officials, one parent or guardian may be authorized to enter the changeroom to support their player in donning hockey equipment with the following criteria:

- The parent/guardian entering the changeroom has completed the RIS Parent course;
- The Rule of Two must be followed, including having a Team Official in the room; and
- The parent/guardian must leave the room when asked by the Team Official in order to engage the players/team in pre-game, pre-event discussions.

CHANGEROOM POLICY FOR U13 AND ABOVE

When in use, entry into the changeroom is restricted to team participants (players) and Team Officials only. All others are precluded from entry.

The Rule of Two

Hockey Canada's 'Rule of Two' requires two (2) certified, trained, and Screened Individuals to be present either in the changeroom or immediately outside the changeroom with the door propped open, in order to monitor the environment and ensure it is free of any discrimination, harassment, bullying, or other forms of maltreatment.

Minimum Attire

Per Hockey Canada's Sport Safety Dressing Room Policy, all players are required to be wearing a base layer at all times. Male players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts, and female players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts and a tee-shirt. This applies to all age divisions.

Recording Devices

To respect the privacy of participants, no videos, still photos, or audio recordings may be taken in the change room. Per Hockey Canada policies, cell phone usage in the changeroom is to be limited to controlling music being played and approved medical requirements. Each case must be discussed with, and approved by, the Team Officials.

Discipline

Violations of this Policy will be addressed through the St Catharines CYO Minor Hockey discipline committee.

Additional References

[Alliance Hockey Code of Conduct](#)

[Hockey Canada Dressing Room Policy](#)

[OHF Dressing Room Policy](#)

The Alliance Hockey Code of Conduct is to be adhered to at all times.

St Catharines CYO Minor Hockey is committed to use the game of hockey to provide an environment in which all participants, volunteers and their families are afforded an opportunity to achieve personal growth, to instill mutual respect and to contribute to the community.