

Facility and Team Dressing Rooms Policy

Preamble

This policy establishes the guidelines for coaches, players and parents regarding the code of conduct related to dressing rooms and facilities before, during and after games, practices or team events. The primary purpose of these guidelines is to ensure the safety and privacy of our players and respect for property.

The team dressing room is a social, learning and private environment for GCRA teams and players. It is also for the players to: build team spirit, physically and mentally prepare, focus on game preparation and strategies, and to receive instructions and direction from the coaching staff.

Dressing Rooms

It is the responsibility of the Coach to ensure that the safety, security and privacy of the dressing room for players, is respected.

Access to team dressing rooms is limited to designated team officials, players, coached, managers or trainers. When an adult presence is required there will be a minimum of two, one of which must be female.

If players require assistance with their equipment (skates), this should be done in the common areas of the arena.

Parental access to dressing room is limited to the following situations:

1. In the event of an injury
2. At the Learn-to-Skate/Bunny program (4-6 years old) parents and guardians have full access to the dressing room
3. At the U8, U9, U10 levels players many require assistance with equipment. In consultation with the players and parents, the coach will define the rules of access to the dressing room in order to minimize the number of adults in the dressing room.

Keeping in mind when an adult presence is required, there will be a minimum of two, one of which must be female.

Note: All dressing room facilities should be locked and secured when unoccupied.

Facilities

GCRA is held financially responsible for any damage to facilities. In addition, any violation of the facility rules, including the policy regarding photos in the change room, may result in sanctions against our association, GCRA members are responsible to respect and safeguard the facilities used by its teams.

Teams are responsible for knowing and following the facilities rules with regards to any off-ice activities (warm up, cool down, dry land, team meetings, food and equipment storage).

Upon initial assess to a dressing room, players or team staff, are expected to report any existing damage to a facility employee immediately.

Prior to departure, it is the responsibility of the coach or a designate to ensure all dressing rooms are empty, clean, and undamaged.