

CMH ASSOCIATION

DRESSING ROOM POLICY / BEST PRACTICE

The CMHA Board will be moving forward with an association wide dressing room policy / best practice for all teams while in our home and away arena as follows.

Team Dressing Room Policy/Best Practice:

There is to be at least 1 member of the coaching/managing team (preferably 2) in the dressing room for the duration of the team's occupancy of the assigned room at all times. Should coaches be unavailable or required to leave the dressing room they may appoint a parent or guardian to monitor in their absence.

It is up to each team to allow parents into the dressing room to assist with equipment up to and including the Atom level. Parents are to come in, assist with their players equipment and then exit the dressing room.

For Pee Wee level and higher there are to be no parents in the dressing room unless permitted by manager/coach to assist their child in with an injury or emergency. Players will be asked to come out if needed.

All female players will have access to a separate dressing room if requested up to and including Atom level. For Pee Wee level and above, all female players are to be assigned a separate dressing room both at home and away arenas. The same accommodations shall be made available for players with special needs that would require a separate dressing room, arrangements to be made with the team manager and/or head coach.

If coaches/managers need to speak with female players or players in a separate dressing room the door is to remain open and another coach and/or parent should be present at all times.

If at any time a coach requires a private meeting with any player there must be 2 members of the coaching/managing team and or a parent present for the duration of the meeting.

The use of cameras, cell phones, or any type of device with video, audio or still picture recording capabilities in the dressing rooms are strictly prohibited. This applies to all players, coaches, managers, parents and/or visitors. Coaches/Managers may have their cell phones for emergency call purposes only.

There will be zero tolerance of negative behavior/conduct which includes but not limited to disrespect, un-sportsmanship, harassment and or bullying of any kind.

The above are conduct expectations which coincide with treating coaches, managers, players and their families, arena staff, the dressing rooms and equipment with the upmost respect. This policy/best practice is put in place for the protection of the players, the team volunteers and all the members of our association.