

Safety Policies – EFCLRA

Coach Requirements:

1. Coaches require certification in compliance with Ringette Alberta requirements.
2. Every team coach and assistant coach must have completed the “Respect in Sport - Coach” Certification (starting 2015-2016 season)
3. Coaches (head and assistants) need to complete the Edmonton Police Service records search. These must be redone every two years.

Safety Procedures for Coaches and Managers:

1. 'Two-Up' Supervision

The vast majority of abuse incidents occur in isolated, one-on-one situations with a child. This procedure is intended to remove that risk by ensuring that there are always two adult supervisors in any team setting. This also protects coaches and parents from wrongful accusations which may also arise in some situations.

- All team activities require a minimum of two adults when interacting or supervising a child or children
- All interactions need to be done in an area and in a manner that they can be observed and interrupted
- If two team representatives (coaches, assistant coaches, managers) aren't available, then parents should remain in the area to provide backup.
- For U12 and up, males (coaches, dads, etc) are not permitted in the dressing room while players are changing. Players are expected to have skates tied outside the dressing room, or tie skates themselves.
- Coaches (in pairs) males or female are permitted in dressing rooms for pre and post game discussions provided players are not changing.

NB: This policy applies to on-ice and off-ice team functions (dressing room discussions, social events, tournament hotel supervision, etc...)

2. Cell Phones/electronic devices in Dressing Rooms

- Due to the potential for cellular phones and electronic devices to be used as a photographic device, their use is prohibited in all restrooms and change room areas.
- Patrons and players may use these devices in other public areas but must adhere to restrictions regarding photography and videotaping.
- If a player's family requests that their child keep a phone/device for a legitimate reason, the phone should be turned off and stored while in the dressing room and/or the team should make use of a bucket or bag to keep the phones safe until after the ice time.
- The single exception is the use of one device to play team music – any other use is potentially grounds for discipline.
- Edmonton Ringette has adopted this policy that reflects the concern for privacy and the need to protect children from online bullying and abuse. Additionally, it is intended to support coaches in their efforts to have players interact with one another while participating in the sport.