

Safety Policies – For Board review and approval

Edmonton Ringette 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.

Edmonton Ringette Safety Procedures for Coaches:

1. Dressing Room Policy - '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 Two-Up policy where there are multiple adults supervising 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 instance, if kids are just arriving then at least two parents should be in the dressing room until a coach arrives, and at that time at least one parent should remain to maintain the Two-Up supervision until a second coach arrives.)
- 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 includes on-ice and off-ice team functions (social events, tournament hotel supervision, dressing room discussions, etc...)

2. Cell Phones/electronic devices in Dressing Rooms

- Edmonton Ringette has adopted this policy that reflects the concern for privacy and the need to protect children from online bullying and abuse.
- 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 grounds for discipline.