



# Morinville Minor Soccer Club

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**TITLE: Change Room and Locker Room**

**POLICY # 1**

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## 1.0 Purpose

To outline the rules and regulations of Morinville Minor Soccer Club (MMSC) in regards to providing supervision in change rooms, and the standards of behavior in the change room expected from players, parents, and officials of MMSC. This policy applies to all members, parents, players under the age of 18, team officials, employees, volunteers, and executive board members of MMSC. It applies to change rooms that are located on premises accessed by MMSC, or on property that a team is visiting as a MMSC representative.

## 2.0 Terms

**Change Room** – Any locker and/or change room that MMSC players are using for MMSC sanctioned activities

**Rule of Two**– A method of supervision in which two adult supervisors must be present at all times. In the case of single-gendered teams, two supervisors of that gender will be present. In the event only one supervisor of that gender is available, an adult of the opposite gender will help supervise, but must wait outside the change room within hearing distance while the players are changing and showering.

**Electronic Recording Devices** – Any electronic device or portions of a device that is capable of taking still pictures, sound recordings, or video recordings.

## 3.0 Policy

**3.1** Any inappropriate conduct, threats, harassment, abuse (including the use of profanity), disruptive behavior, criminal offences, or discrimination in the change rooms is strictly prohibited as per the MMSC Harassment, Abuse, Bullying Policy (#8), and MMSC Code of Conduct.

- 3.2** Any and all MMSC representatives must treat all change rooms with respect. Each team must ensure that the change room is clean before leaving and will be responsible for any damages or vandalism.
- 3.3** Players are not to be left unsupervised in any facility accessed by MMSC, including change rooms. Players must be supervised using the Rule of Two. Under no circumstances should a single adult supervise players in the change room, especially when the players are changing or showering. This includes leaving a parent or guardian alone with his or her child in the change room.
- 3.4** In the event of treating an injury in the change room, the Rule of Two must apply to medical personnel as well.
- 3.5** In the cases of teams with both male and female players, the following dress code must be enforced: male players cannot undress to less than a minimum of shorts when females are present; and female players cannot undress to less than a minimum of shorts and a tee shirt when males are present. If there is only one change room facility, male and female players will change and shower in shifts, with the most represented gender going first.
- 3.6** If separate facilities are available to co-ed teams, male and female players will make use of them to change to the minimum requirements above.
- 3.7** Coaches are allowed to ask parents/guardians to leave the change room immediately before and after a game or practice so that they might speak to players without distraction. In addition, coaches may bar entry to parents/guardians of older children at their discretion.
- 3.8** Electronic recording devices are not permitted to be used for any reason inside the change room. If such a device must be used, the person using it must leave the change room first. For more information on the rules governing the use of electronic devices in change rooms, see the Electronic Recording Devices Policy (#13).
- 3.9** Coaches/adults are not to change in the room when the players are present.