



SFGHA Dressing Room Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines while still maintaining a degree of leniency for SFGHA volunteers to provide players with a safe and inclusive environment.

As our players mature in age, it becomes necessary for team staff to adhere to a dressing room policy to ensure the privacy of all players is protected and proper use of digital devices are enforced.

The Head Coach of every team is responsible for the enforcement of this policy and could be sanctioned if negligence is determined.

Elected bench staff (coach or manager) shall be responsible for communicating such policy and must ensure this policy is handed out to every team member, player and guardian.

Two Deep

When any player under the age of 19 enters the team dressing room before, during and after a game or practice, there must be a minimum of two properly screened dressing room supervisors associated with each team, at all times. The OWHA recommends at least one designate be female.

Should there be only 1 female supervisor available, direction should be followed as such; 1 (female) supervisor shall be responsible for being present in the dressing room and secondary supervisor must be directly outside the ajar door.

Electronic Devices

The ability to snap photos or take a video without others knowing or giving consent has raised significant concerns for members within our association. The potential exists for deviant behavior of users photographing and/or recording without consent. This is considered a violation of privacy. The use of any form of camera, video camera, camera phone or other digital device for the use of taking photographs, video recordings, or audio recording is prohibited in any recreational facility change room.

*** It is the bench staffs' responsibility to monitor and control the use of such devices.**



When mobile phones ARE permitted in dressing rooms

- A mobile phone can be used to play music. This should be the duty of a dressing room supervisor. Strictly music and not a music video.
- Team photos are encouraged although SFGHA recommends they be taken outside the dressing room. Should space or time not be given, team photos can be taken with the '2 deep' in place and that of ONLY the bench staff that have been properly screened and identified as 'bench staff'. Only helmet, gloves and neck guards should be removed during this time.

Additional expectations:

- Players should be dressed and ready 10 minutes prior to ice time to allow coaches entry for pre-ice instructions.
- A 5-minute post ice time debrief shall be given to team and bench staff. **Parents should respect not entering at this time.**
- After games (or during floods) players will only remove gloves, helmet and neck guard until the coaches have had an opportunity to debrief.
- If a player arrives late, they are expected to arrive dressed so not interfere with above.

Sanctions:

Any person found to be in violation of this policy will receive:

1. A warning for a first offense
2. A two week suspension for the second offense
3. A one year suspension for a third offense.

Any deviation from this policy must be reported to the SFGHA President.