



## Locker Room Supervision

The purpose of the Locker Room Supervision policy for River Lakes Hockey Association is to ensure a safe environment dedicated to respect, sportsmanship, and excellence for all participants while using the locker room facilities. The procedure will provide a process for River Lakes to be in compliance with USA Hockey.

The USA Hockey rule requires that at least one responsible adult be in all hockey locker rooms at all times when players are present.

### Process:

1. Each team will form a group of gender-correct responsible adults, who would be subject to criminal background screening, and create a schedule to provide locker room supervision at all times before and after practices and games while players are present in the locker room. The responsible adult should be in the locker room at all times when a coach is in the room with a single player. The responsibilities of the adult supervisor are to prevent hazing, rough-housing, verbal abuse, and vandalism. Only team-authorized person will be allowed to enter the locker room. In addition, the adult supervisor will be present as an independent witness to allegations made regarding coach and player behavior. **The purpose of the locker room monitor is for supervision of the locker room. These adults are non-coaches and should not attempt to be such.**
  - a. A locker room key will be checked out to the supervising adult.
  - b. The supervisor will open the locker room and remain present **in the locker room** at all times before and after practice and games when players are present.
  - c. Upon the last player exiting the locker room prior to practice or game, the door will be locked by the supervisor.
  - d. Upon completion of the practice or game, the supervisor will unlock the locker room and remain present at all times when players are present.
  - e. After all parties have exited the locker room, the adult supervisor will lock the door and turn in the key.
2. As recommended by USA Hockey and MN Hockey, and District 5: No cell phones, recordable devices, or devices with photography capabilities

will be allowed in the locker rooms so that the opportunity for inappropriate photos does not exist.

- a. The penalties will be: 1<sup>st</sup> offense; verbal warning to skaters and to parents, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; sit a period in a game, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense; follows the disciplinary policy and a meeting with the Association President, coaches, parents, and player(s) will be called.

**Any issues should be forwarded to the Team Manager who will bring them to the RLE or RLW President to address.**