

## **Topeka Youth Hockey Association**

### **Locker Room Policy**

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At the urging of USA Hockey, the Topeka Youth Hockey Association is concerned with locker room activities between minor players; minor players and adult players; adults being alone with individual minor players in locker rooms; and with nonofficial or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

It is the policy of the Topeka Youth Hockey Association to have at least one responsible adult, that has submitted a consent to be screened form to the Risk Manager, present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.

Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach.

Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.

It will be the responsibility of the Division Director for each age group to arrange for a person or persons who will be responsible for monitoring the locker rooms and to be present at any individual meetings between a minor participant and a coach.

The Topeka Youth Hockey Association also recognizes that many of its teams will contain both male and female participants. Teams are to take these circumstances into consideration and take all necessary precautions to avoid inappropriate situations, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. No player shall fully disrobe in any locker room unless they have moved to an area (such as a bathroom stall) that will prevent them from being seen by any member of the opposite sex. Any violation of this rule shall be reported to the disciplinary committee for further action.
2. Female players shall be given the time and opportunity to dress in a separate locker room or bathroom (as available) **prior** to any team meetings or instruction by the coaches. Following games or practices, coaches may elect to allow female players to change in a separate locker room or bathroom before or after any team meeting or discussion of the game. Team meetings and discussions shall not take place while female players are changing in a separate locker room or bathroom.
3. At any time in which both male and female minor participants are in a locker room, a responsible adult female shall be present in the locker room as well.
4. During any individual meeting between a coach and a minor participant, the responsible adult that is also present at that meeting must be of the same gender as the minor participant.
5. For all teams Squirt level and older, no females (including, but not limited to, mothers, grandmothers and sisters) will be allowed in the locker room while male players are dressing or undressing. Girls should be dressing in a separate room at this point, and no males are allowed in that room while the girls are dressing or undressing.

This policy applies to locker rooms utilized by the Topeka Youth Hockey Association teams both at home and on the road. Visitor's locker rooms at the Kansas Expocentre shall be monitored by the visiting team in accordance with the visiting team's locker room policy.