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## GKGHA Dressing Room Protocol

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines while still maintaining a degree of leniency for team officials 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. The Head Coach of every team is responsible for the enforcement of this policy and must ensure this policy is handed out to every team member. Any deviation from this protocol must immediately be reported to the GKGHA Risk and Safety Director.

When any player under the age of 19 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game or practice, there must be a minimum of 1, but preferred 2 dressing room(s) supervisors associated with the team in the dressing room(s) at all times. If there is only 1 supervisor in the dressing room(s) the door must be ajar and 1 supervisor directly outside the ajar door. The OSHA recommends at least one of the individuals supervising a dressing room be a female.

**Sanctions:** Any person found to be in violation of this policy will receive a warning for a first offence, a two week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence.

Players should be dressed and ready 10 minutes prior to ice time to allow male coaching staff time for pre-ice instructions. After games or during floods, players will not remove any equipment other than gloves, helmet and neck guards until the coaches have had an opportunity for a 5 minute post ice time debrief. If a player arrives late, they are expected to arrive dressed so not to interfere with above.