



GMHA Dressing Room Policy

From the Ontario Hockey Federation:

“To provide a safe and comfortable dressing room environment with proper supervision for the player and team officials.

Dressing Room Policy:

It will be the Policy of the Ontario Hockey Federation that, when any player under the age of 18 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game or practice, **a minimum of two of the following shall be present in the dressing room(s) or immediately outside the dressing room(s) with the door ajar: two team or club/association officials, properly screened or one such official and an adult person associated with the team.**

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.” as per the [OHF Policy on Dressing Room Supervision](#).

Coaching staff responsibilities:

1. Each team is responsible for any damage to an arena dressing room in which you were the last known occupant. Flooded floors, marked walls and/or damaged plumbing facilities are usually the complaints received by the GMHA.
2. It is your responsibility to check your assigned dressing room first to ensure that no damage has been caused by a previous user. If something causes you concern, it should be reported to the maintenance person/manager on duty immediately.
3. Similarly, one member of the coaching staff should be the last person to leave the dressing room after a game or practice to make certain there is no damage caused by a player
4. Any team deemed responsible for causing damage will have its team invoiced by the GMHA on a case by case basis (minimum \$100 fine or the cost to repair damage; whichever is greater)
5. At the ages of U12 and above (both Rep and HL), no parent shall be allowed in the dressing room without permission from one of the coaching staff. If skates still need to be tied, this can be done outside the change room.

Furthermore,

Players are not to use **Personal Electronic Devices** in the dressing room at any time. If teams are to have music in the rooms; one device will be designated and used for the team as per [GMHA Social Media Policy](#).

As a reminder, the GMHA supports the policies of the [OHF on Harassment, Abuse, Bullying and Misconduct Policy](#).