

OWHA Dressing Room Policy (as of Oct 2023)

It will be the Policy of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association that, when any player under the age of 18 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game, tryout 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 association officials, properly screened or one such official and an adult person, 18 years or older, associated with the team. The OWHA recommends at least one of the individuals supervising a dressing room be a female.

Updated BGHC Dressing Room Policy 2023-2024 (as of Nov 1st 2023)

1. No locked doors except when the teams are on the ice.
2. Male Coaches/Bench Staff are not permitted in the dressing room without a female Team Member being present.
3. Two female Team Members must be in the changeroom for U11 and below
4. Two female Team Members must be outside the dressing room door for U13 and up
5. Coaches should restrict their time in the room to approximately five minutes before and after games.
6. Parents are not permitted to go into the dressing room. Only team members with their VSS screening are allowed in the dressing room.
7. Should players need assistance with equipment beyond what the Team Member can help with or if there is a request for additional assistance by a player (i.e. tying skates), the player may go out into the hallway to seek assistance from a parent/trusted caregiver.
8. All players are to remain in the dressing room until signaled by the coach that it is time to go on the ice.

9. No device capable of taking pictures shall be allowed in any dressing room and the area immediately outside of the dressing room door.

Notes:

- An adult is considered to be 18 years or older
- A Team Member” is an adult, registered in RAMP with a team, and has their VSS
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- A Team Member must have their VSS screening
- Coaches must review roles/responsibilities with all Team Members/Bench Staff/Parents