



Kent Valley Hockey Association

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Locker Room Hallway and Locker Room Access Policy

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Introduction:

USA Hockey requires that all local programs publish their locker room policies to the parents of all minor participants. The policies should be specific to the facilities they regularly use. The local program's policies shall include the program's (a) practices for supervising and monitoring locker rooms and changing areas; (b) permission or lack of permission for parents to be in the locker rooms and the associated locker room hallways; (c) prohibited conduct, including at least all forms of abuse and misconduct prohibited by USA Hockey; and (d) specific policies regarding the use of mobile electronic devices and phones and prohibiting the use of a device's recording capabilities.

Purpose:

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety, security and protection of our participants is central to Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) goals. KVHA adheres to USA Hockey's SafeSport Program as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms or associated locker room hallways, KVHA has adopted the following policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms and the associated locker room hallways.

Policy:

ONLY players, coaches, team managers and assigned locker room monitors are permitted in the locker room, locker room hallways and the tunnel leading to the ice. On-Ice and Off-Ice Game Officials are permitted in the locker room hallways and the tunnel leading to the ice for the purpose of conducting their game assignments.

This policy is in force for ALL practices and games.

Both home and visiting teams will adhere to this policy and the policy will also apply for away games.

In the event of a situation requiring a player's parent(s), the parent(s) will be requested by a member of the team staff and escorted by the team staff member into the restricted area.

This policy is not meant to limit the ability of medical emergency response to an injured person in any of the aforementioned areas of restriction.

This policy is considered supplemental to and inclusive of KVHA's "Locker Room Policy."

Locker Room and Locker Room Hallway Access Monitoring

1. Monitoring

It is the responsibility of the team staff to monitor and control access to the locker rooms and the locker room hallways to assure compliance with this policy.

2. Exception for Parents in Locker Rooms or Locker Room Hallways

Except for players at the younger age groups (Learn to Play, Mites 8 years or under and Squirts 10 years or under), parents are restricted from entering locker rooms or the locker room hallway unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear, if the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player. KVHA highly recommends that any parent consistently needing to assist their child in the locker room or the locker room hallway be Safe Sport Certified.

Naturally, with our youngest age groups it may be necessary for parents to assist the players getting dressed. We encourage parents to teach their players as young as possible how to get dressed so that players will learn as early as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are permitted to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game so that the coaches may address the players. As players get older, the coach may in his or her discretion prohibit parents from a locker room.

3. Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

KVHA prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers in KVHA may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies. To make a report of any actual or suspected violations, you may e-mail USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or may call 1-800-888-4656. A report should also be made to the KVHA Hockey Director.

Approved as to form by:

KVHA Director:



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Date:

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