



MHL Dressing Room Policy

(Approved by the MHL Board of Directors and in accordance with the Ontario Hockey Federation – March 13, 2008)

It is the policy of the Ontario Hockey Federation that from Atom and down, mixed genders may change in the same room, at the same time in the presence of two properly registered and screened adults as set forth by the policies of the MHL and OHF.

Players Minor Peewee and higher may not change in the same room at the same time and it is the responsibility of the coach to ensure all are involved in both pre-game and post-game activities.

When separate facilities exist for both male and female participants, males and females shall make use of these separate facilities.

If the facility does not have separate changing areas available, players shall address the issue by dressing, undressing and showering in shifts. It is the responsibility of the team to provide a plan and actively manage the risk and ensure the safety of individual players when they are dressing, undressing and showering.

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines while still maintaining a degree of leniency for local associations and teams to work in conjunction to provide players with a safe and inclusive environment. Should circumstances arise that require an alternate solution, it is the responsibility of the team and local association to actively manage the risk and ensure the safety of individual players when they are dressing, undressing and showering.

GAME OFFICIALS

Male and female officials may not change or shower in the same room at the same time. If separate facilities are not available, each party is expected to manage the risk properly.