

## **RULE OF TWO**

- 2.01** The rule of two is for the protection of the child as well as the coach and the official. The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened NCCP trained/certified coaches, trained/certified official, or volunteer of the same gender with an athlete/young official, especially a minor athlete/official, when in a potentially vulnerable situation. This means that anyone one-on-one interaction between a coach/official/volunteer and a young athlete/young official must take place within earshot and view of the second coach/official/volunteer, with the exception of medical emergencies. One of the coaches/official/volunteer must also be of the same gender as the athlete/official. Should there be a circumstance where a second screened NCCP trained or certified coach/official/volunteer is not available, a screened parent or adult can be recruited. This rule serves to protect minor athletes/young official in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments amongst others. Organizations must create and implement, policies and procedures, in a sustainable, phased and measurable process, that limit the instances where these situations are possible.

## **FACILITY PROTOCOL**

- 3.01** Players in dressing rooms are to be supervised. The Rule of Two is to be adhered to at all times with players and especially when they are showering or changing. Should separate dressing rooms be required, both dressing rooms require the appropriate adult supervision.
- 3.02** Team officials and parent/guardian representative(s) of every team shall ensure that the dressing room door remains closed while Players are changing.
- 3.03** Video or photography is NOT PERMITTED in the shower/dressing rooms while Players are undressed or changing. Where special events (e.g., team pictures, championships) lend themselves to this equipment, the Players must be appropriately dressed. The privacy and dignity of the Players is the first priority.
- 3.04** The trainer, when treating injuries, should avoid treating injuries out of sight of others. The Rule of Two is to be adhered to at all times.
- 3.05** Teams require the Rule of Two and there is to be at least one supervisor of the same gender with the players.
- 3.06** In isolated spaces, parents/guardians should never leave their child unsupervised in a facility, nor should they leave their child alone with a single personnel member. The Rule of Two is to be adhered to.
- 3.07** In sport and training facilities, participants who are minors should never be left waiting in a facility without the supervision of their parent/guardian or personnel member. The Rule of Two is to be adhered to.