

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Locker Room Monitor Procedures

To ensure player safety and compliance with USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey SafeSport policies, AAHA requires locker room monitors for all practices and games.

General Responsibilities:

- **Mandatory Monitors:** At least one screened/same sex adult must be present in the locker room anytime two or more players are present. Players cannot enter the locker room until a monitor is present.
- Monitors must complete SafeSport training and pass a background check.

Key Duties:

- **Remain Inside:** Monitors must be INSIDE the locker room during locker room monitoring shift, not outside the door, to ensure proper supervision.
- **Arrive Early:** Monitors must be in assigned locker room at least 30 minutes prior to practice and one hour prior to games. They must return to the locker room after practice and games until players leave. Monitors do not need to be in the locker room while coaches are present. Monitors are not to remain in the locker room with a single player who is not their child. Two or more players must be present.
- **Ensure Privacy:** No electronic devices (phones, tablets) are allowed to be used by players in locker rooms. Siblings and/or non-team member youth are not allowed in the locker room.
- **Supervise and Intervene:** Address inappropriate behavior, including bullying, hazing, or roughhousing, immediately.

Reporting and Compliance:

- Report any incidents or violations to the Hockey Director immediately.
- Teams and individuals failing to comply with the locker monitor policy will face disciplinary action.

Why This Matters:

Supervised locker rooms significantly reduce risks, including misconduct and injuries. Over half of SafeSport violations occur in unsupervised locker rooms, emphasizing the importance of strict adherence.

By following these guidelines, AAHA ensures a safe and positive environment for all players. Thank you for your cooperation!