



LOCKER ROOM POLICY

OYH is committed to providing a safe environment for all our participants off-ice. In providing this, OYH adheres to the [USA Hockey SafeSport Program](#) helping protect athletes from abuse or misconduct including but not limited to physical, sexual or emotional misconduct, bullying, threats, harassment, or hazing. To help prevent such actions from occurring and to maintain adequate privacy in our locker rooms, OYH has adopted the following locker room policy:

Co-ed Locker Rooms

The Oregon Ice Arena has 4 co-ed locker rooms available for our program's use. Because some teams consist of both male and female players, *all* players are required to arrive at the rink wearing their hockey base layers or shorts and t-shirts (in good condition - no holes or tears in clothing) under their street clothes. All members of the team must have this minimum attire before entering a co-ed locker room so no player of one gender has the opportunity to see players of the opposite gender in a state of dress/undress. Also, coaches needing to use locker rooms must wear base layer clothing at all times.

Away Games

When playing games at other arenas, locker rooms, rest rooms and shower facilities will vary from location to location. Team managers will provide information regarding facilities as it is available. Otherwise, assume all other facilities are co-ed and athletes and coaches are expected to arrive at the rink or change in a separate area so that prior to entering the locker room they are wearing their hockey base layers or shorts and t-shirts as mentioned above.

Locker Room Monitoring

OYH requires all guardians to take part in locker room monitoring and must obtain and provide proof of completion of the [SafeSport Training](#) at the start of each hockey season (criminal background screening not required for guardians per OYH at this time).

Each locker room must have a minimum of one trained, responsible adult monitoring the locker room when athletes are present at all times. When only one athlete remains in the locker room and a second responsible adult is unavailable, the assigned monitor must position oneself outside locker room door within arm's length away so the monitor can sufficiently hear inside the locker room. In addition, a coach must never be alone with one minor participant; locker room monitor must also be present. Only exception being when situation leaves one guardian and their child or under emergency circumstances.

Parents in Locker Rooms

Parents are not permitted in locker rooms. Exceptions include: younger aged players needing assistance with hockey gear (Learn to Play, Mini-Mites 6U, Mites 8U and Squirts 10U), player's disability warranting assistance or in an emergency situation.

OYH encourages parents to teach their younger players how to put on hockey gear independently as soon as possible to reduce number of parents in locker rooms.

Coaches are permitted to ask parents to leave locker room for pre and post-game meetings to address players as needed.

Cell Phones and Video Recording Devices

To eliminate the risk for some forms of abuse and misconduct and to guard against multiple risks associated with the use of social media, cell phones and video recording devices including but not limited to voice, still camera, video or phone cameras are prohibited in all locker room areas.

Reporting Violations

It is the responsibility of all OYH members, adult participants to immediately report any observed inappropriate behaviors, suspected physical or sexual abuse, or any other type of abuse or misconduct. Reports of any actual or suspected violation: email USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or call 1-800-888-4656, contact OYH President, Vice President or SafeSport Coordinator, or submit an anonymous [SafeSport Violation Report Form](#). Any suspected child abuse or sexual misconduct must be reported to law enforcement authorities.