

## **DRESSING ROOM POLICY**

The LGHA is proud to offer hockey programs to girls from the tyke/novice age group up to and including midget level. It is the aim of our association to provide a safe, fun, and inclusive environment where girls can enjoy the game of hockey and improve their skills. The team dressing room has a significant role in minor hockey, and is a place of learning and positive social interaction. The policies outlined below are designed to ensure the safety and privacy of all players, and act as a guideline for coaching staff and parents.

### **ALL age divisions (Tyke to Midget):**

#### **1. “Two Deep” rule**

For the protection of both our players and team staff members, AT NO TIME should a player/players be in the dressing room with only one adult present. **At least 2 adults** (over 18) should be present at all times in the dressing room while players are in the room.

#### **2. Electronic Devices**

The use of any electronic device to send, receive or record a message or images is strictly prohibited in LGHA dressing rooms. This is for protection and safety of our players and coaching staff.

### **Novice Division (and younger):**

At the tyke/novice age level there must be a rostered coaching staff member with appropriate police records check and respect in sport certification present in the room at all times. Also any parent, guardian or care giver (male or female) is permitted in the dressing room with the players. Players in this age group are asked to arrive at the arena wearing, at minimum, their “under-armour”-type clothing for under their equipment. At the discretion of the head coach, parents, guardian’s, care givers may be asked to leave the room during pre and post-game “pep talks”. The head coach will outline his/her dressing room expectations to all players and their families at the beginning of the season.

### **Atom to Midget:**

At the atom-midget age level, two (at minimum) rostered female staff members (over age 18), with appropriate police record checks and Respect in Sport certification, must supervise the dressing room while the players are getting dressed or undressed. Parents/guardians, male or female, will not be permitted in the dressing room. At such a time when the players are ALL appropriately? dressed, the coaching staff, at the discretion of the head coach, may enter the dressing room for the purpose of providing instructions or feedback to the players. The head coach will outline his/her dressing room expectations to all players and their families at the beginning of the season.

3) All LGHA Members (Players, Coaches, Team Staff, Executive Members, and Parents) must then abide by and follow the LGHA Code of Conduct.