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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Supervision of Players

In follow-up to your recent enquiry as to the responsibility of player supervision while in the dressing room, it is important to understand our “duty of care”, as it pertains to civil liability.

Team Officials are responsible for the safety and welfare of their players at ALL times during our sanctioned events; this definitely includes while players are changing in the dressing room both prior to and after on-ice activities. We cover this repeatedly in all of our clinics, and specifically discuss it in Speak Out, given that supervision, is the single most effective method of prevention when it comes to conduct based issues.

It is consistently stressed to every volunteer to practice the “two-deep” method of supervision; that is, having at least 2 adults providing supervision at all times during our events. This not only protects the player, but also the Team Official.

While this is not a “policy”, it is a common sense application. Bottom line, the Team’s Officials are responsible for their players well-being. And simply not being in the change room does not absolve one from this responsibility.

Sincerely,

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