

# Sioux Lookout Skating Club Locker Room/Changing Area Policy

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The safety and protection of our participants is key to the Sioux Lookout Skating Club goals. The Sioux Lookout Skating Club adheres to Skate Canada's National Safe Sport Program as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment, and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms and changing areas, the Sioux Lookout Skating Club has adopted the following locker room/changing area policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas.

#### **Locker Room/Changing Area Monitoring:**

Skaters must be supervised and the **Rule of Two** must always be enforced.

A coach should never be alone or out of sight with an athlete – especially a minor (example: locker room/changing area).

- Gold Standard Two Certified Coaches
- Silver Standard Certified Coach & another adult (parent, volunteer, etc.)
- **Bronze Standard** Club approved (Criminal record check submitted along with completion of Respect in Sport) adult & minimum of 2 minors

When possible, one of the coaches/ parents/ volunteers should be the same gender as the athlete.

#### Parents in Locker Room/Changing Areas:

Except for skaters at the younger age groups (CanSkate skaters), we discourage parents from entering locker rooms and/or changing areas unless it is truly necessary. If a skater needs assistance with their uniform or gear, if the skater is or may be injured, or a skater's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand so they can properly assist their skater.

Naturally, with our youngest age groups it is necessary for parents to assist the skaters getting ready for their lesson. As skaters get older, the coach may in their discretion prohibit parents from a locker room/changing area.

## Inclusive Locker Room/Changing Areas:

It is imperative to remember that Skate Canada registrants and members are permitted to use facilities based on their chosen gender identity.

Individuals must be allowed to use the locker room, changing area, or restroom they choose based on their gender identity/gender expression. If a request is made for separate space, this must be accommodated as much as possible.

## **Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices:**

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras, and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker room and/or changing areas. If cell phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room/changing areas.

# **Prohibited Conduct and Reporting:**

The Sioux Lookout Skating Club prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment, and hazing, all as described in Skate Canada's National Safe Sport Program. Participants, coaches, parents/guardians and volunteers at the Sioux Lookout Skating Club may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room/changing area policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the Safe Sport Policies. Reports of any actual or suspected misconduct, must be reported to <a href="Skate-Safe.ca">Skate-Safe.ca</a>.

#### SKATE-SAFE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Online: <u>www.skate-safe.ca</u> Telephone: +1-833-723-3758

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