



CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SAFESPORT LOCKER ROOM POLICY

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety and protection of our participants is central to the Cheyenne Capitals Youth Hockey Association's (CCYHA) mission. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, and in compliance with USA Hockey standards, CCYHA has adopted the following locker room policy effective the 2024-2025 season.

Locker Room Monitoring

At all practices, home and away games, and any other event requiring the use of a locker room, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitor (each of which has been screened) will be posted inside the locker room (or directly outside of changing areas during periods of use). No player shall be admitted to a locker room without a designated locker room monitor. **If a locker room monitor is not available, players will not be allowed to change in the locker room.**

- It is the responsibility of each team to provide a volunteer locker room monitor each time a locker room is in use. Each team must roster at least one locker room monitor (preferably two to three).
- All locker room monitors will complete a background check and be SafeSport certified. They will comply with all cell phone/mobile device policies.
- Locker room monitors will conduct a sweep of the locker room and changing areas before players are admitted. They will also secure the locker room appropriately when the team is warming up or on the ice.
- Locker room monitors will need to be physically present whenever there are players in the locker room, including in the event of an injury or ejection that requires players to return to the locker room. Locker room monitors will remain in the locker room until the last players leave the locker room unless coaches are present.
- In accordance with SafeSport guidance, locker room monitors or coaches serving as the designated locker room monitor must be **inside** the locker room.
 - All efforts will be made to provide a same gender locker room monitor. In the event that a same gender locker room monitor is not available, the locker room monitor may be immediately outside the locker room (within 5 feet of the door) and regularly checking in on the locker room.
 - At least two players, a second locker room monitor, or a coach shall be present in the locker room to avoid any situation where a player and volunteer are in a one-to-one environment. If this is not possible, the locker room monitor is permitted to be located immediately outside the locker room (within 5 feet of the door) and regularly checking in on the locker room.

- Parents not designated as the locker room monitor for that game or practice are not permitted in the locker room. If a player is not able to dress independently or needs assistance with their uniform or gear, they may step out of the locker room for parental assistance. For home events, younger players may utilize the benches in the ice arena to put on their equipment and skates but must maintain a base layer of clothing in common areas.
- Locker room monitors should report any behavior, SafeSport or discipline issues to the coach/team manager or Discipline Chair/SafeSport Coordinator.

Mixed Gender Teams

For mixed gender teams, when feasible, CCYHA will coordinate separate locker rooms for male and female players before all players convene in a single locker room prior to and immediately following the game. If separate locker rooms are not available, players of each gender will take turns using the locker room to change.

All players are encouraged to maintain a base-layer of clothing before and after each game.

Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices

Recording capabilities (voice recording, still cameras and video cameras) of cell phones and other mobile devices are not permitted in the locker rooms by locker room monitors, players or coaches.

- To maintain SafeSport cell phone use compliance, locker room monitors will collect personal cell phones/devices in a secure bag **prior to players entering the locker room**. This bag will be transferred to the coaches and be secured on the bench during the game. Players and parents are advised that you bring personal devices at your own risk. The Cheyenne Capitals are not responsible for any loss, theft or damage.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

CCYHA prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, coaches or volunteers in CCYHA may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.