



ALTOONA MT LION ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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 AMLIHA goals. AMLIHA adheres to USA Hockey's SafeSport 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, AMLIHA has adopted the following locker room policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms.

At Galactic Ice there are five locker rooms available for our program's use. Two of the locker rooms have their own restroom and shower area and three locker rooms share a restroom and shower area with one or more locker rooms. Some teams in our program may also occasionally or regularly travel to play games at other arenas, and those locker rooms, rest rooms and shower facilities will vary from location to location. At arenas for which you are unfamiliar, parents should plan to have extra time and some flexibility in making arrangements for their child to dress, undress and shower if desired.

Locker Room Monitoring

AMLIHA has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., generally 30-45 minutes before and following practices and games). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas. While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make some players uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. We conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before players arrive, and if the coaches are not inside the locker rooms, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitors (each of which has been screened) will be posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use, and leave the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible. Only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel, and family members are permitted in the locker rooms.

Parents in Locker Rooms

Only parents of players aged 10 and younger, and parents with a player with special needs (Upon Association Approval), are allowed to help dress the players in the locker room. All parents must vacate the locker room 15 minutes prior to game time and shall not enter the locker room after the game until instructed by the coach or team manager. If an older player needs help with their equipment they must come to a common area for assistance unless prior Association approval has been obtained.

During practices and games, the only persons permitted in the locker room areas and behind the benches are participating players, coaches, off-ice officials, and referees, except parents noted above. During game time, parents and spectators are not permitted past the Zamboni doors.

Mixed Gender Teams

Some of our teams consist of both male and female players. It is important that the privacy rights of all of our players are given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Where possible, AMLIHA will have the male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single locker room before the game or team meeting. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then the male and female players proceed to their separate locker rooms to undress.

Galactic Ice has instituted a policy regarding the women's locker room whereas fathers or male guardians are not permitted access. AMLIHA recognizes this policy and is extending it for away games. The women's locker room is frequently shared by girls/women on other teams so it is inappropriate for males to enter. If a player needs her skates tied, etc., she can come out of the locker room to a common area for assistance.

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 rooms**. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

AMLIHA 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, employees or volunteers in AMLIHA 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. Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or you may call 1-800-888-4656.