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RULE OF TWO POLICY

PREAMBLE

The Rule of Two means that a coach is never alone or out of sight with a child.

Two NCCP Trained or certified coaches should always be present with an athlete, especially a minor athlete, when in a potentially vulnerable situation such as in a locker room or a meeting room. All one-on-one interactions between a coach and an athlete must take place within earshot and in view of the second coach except for medical emergencies.

One of the coaches must also be of the same gender as the athletes.

Should there be a circumstance where a second screened and NCCP trained or certified coach is not available, a screened volunteer, parent or adult can be recruited.

DEFINITIONS

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

NCCP: National Coaching Certification Program

PURPOSE

The Rule of Two Policy will outline expected behaviours of coaches/adults when interacting with minors or vulnerable athletes.

POLICY

1. The Rule of Two Policy will apply to **all** personnel working on behalf of **Ontario Curling Council** including:
 1. Coaches
 2. Officials
 3. Employees/Contractors of **Ontario Curling Council**
 4. Board Members of **Ontario Curling Council**

It is the Ontario Curling Council's policy that:

1. All athlete meetings will be conducted in an open and observable environment
2. All minor athletes must be accompanied by two adults, with at least one of the adults being the same gender as the athletes.
3. Coaches, Officials, Employees/Contractors and Board Members, self-identify situations that may put them or their athletes in a vulnerable situation and consider ways to avoid or alter the environment.
4. Any concerns a parent may have about a child's safety or interaction with another participant, Coach, Official, Employee/Contractors or Board Member is addressed as per the **Ontario Curling Council's** policies.