



## **Locker Room Policy - Atlanta Thrashers Girls Ice Hockey Team**

### **Purpose**

The safety, privacy, and well-being of all players, coaches, and staff are of the utmost importance. This locker room policy is designed to ensure a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for everyone involved with our team. All players, parents, and coaches are expected to adhere to this policy.

### **1. Locker Room Access**

- Players: The locker room is a designated space for players. Coach, staff and parent/guardians may enter the locker room based on the following stipulations.
- Coaches and Staff: Coaches and other staff may enter the locker room as necessary but must respect the players' privacy. Male coaches or staff members should announce their presence before entering and should only do so when necessary. A coach or parent will be designated as locker room monitor.
- Parent/Guardian Access: In specific cases where a player requires assistance (e.g., medical need or young age requiring help putting equipment on), a parent/guardian of the same gender may enter. In such cases, respect for the privacy of all players must be maintained.

### **2. Respect and Privacy**

- Personal Privacy: Players must respect the privacy of their teammates. No inappropriate behavior, including unwanted physical contact, bullying, or harassment, will be tolerated.
- Phones and Cameras: The use of phones, cameras, or any recording devices in the locker room is strictly prohibited. Players are expected to leave their phones in their bags or in a designated secure area outside the locker room. If a player needs access to their phone, in the case of an emergency, the player must make the locker room monitor aware of the situation.

- Changing Time: Players should arrive and be dressed in a way that minimizes the amount of time required to change in the locker room. Undergarments must be worn at all times when changing in open areas.

### **3. Behavior and Conduct**

- Language: Respectful language must be used at all times. Offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

- Hazing and Bullying: Any form of hazing, bullying, or intimidation, whether physical, verbal, or emotional, is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disciplinary action.

- Inclusivity: All players, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, or background, must be treated with respect and inclusivity. Any discriminatory behavior will be addressed promptly.

### **4. Supervision**

- Adult Supervision: When possible, two adult coaches, staff members or parents of the same gender as the players should supervise the locker room. This supervision ensures that the environment remains safe and respectful.

- Monitoring: The safesport coordinator will conduct regular, random checks to ensure compliance with this policy. Any concerns should be reported immediately to the safesport coordinator or head coach.

### **5. Reporting and Accountability**

- Reporting Violations: Any player, coach, or parent who witnesses or experiences a violation of this policy is encouraged to report the incident immediately to the safesport coordinator or another trusted adult on the team.

- Disciplinary Action: Violations of this policy will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the team. Parents will be notified of any serious infractions.

### **6. Parental Responsibilities**

- Understanding the Policy: Parents are required to review this policy with their child to ensure they understand the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful environment.

- Communication: Parents should communicate any concerns regarding locker room safety or conduct to the safesport coordinator or head coach.

## **7. Review and Updates**

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure it meets the needs of the team and aligns with current safesport standards.

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This policy is designed to foster a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all members of our youth girls ice hockey team. By following these guidelines, we can ensure that everyone has a positive and enjoyable experience.