



## Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Policy & Guidelines

### Locker Room Policy

Section: SafeSport

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#### **Locker Room Attendants:**

It is the Policy of USA Hockey that all Affiliates, Districts, Leagues, and Local Hockey Programs have at least one (**MAHA Recommends Two**) responsible adult(s) monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room, and to supervise locker room conduct. Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach. Further, Responsible Adults must personally monitor the locker room environment while players are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when players are on the ice.

Associations/Clubs and/or Coaches found in violations of this policy shall be sanctioned in the following manner:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> offense; a one game suspension to the head coach
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; a warning to the Association/Club and a one week suspension to the head coach
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense; the head coach and Association/Club representative shall attend a hearing which may result in further sanctions up to and including fines, suspensions and/or removal of an associations good standing within MAHA.

Teams, Leagues and Local Hockey Associations shall also comply with the USA Hockey Co-Ed Locker Room Policy. Please refer to the USA Hockey Guide Book under "Policies".

USA Hockey and MAHA have taken a very hard stand on this and consider the monitoring of Locker Rooms a Critical Responsibility of Adults in providing a safe environment for our players. We have had hearings within MAHA because of violations of this rule, which could have been prevented had this policy been followed. **Associations are being advised to have written policies in place that can be enforced regarding the monitoring locker rooms.**