



## **RULE OF 2 POLICY**

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### **Background**

The "Rule of 2" serves to protect minor athletes in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments amongst others. This policy aligns with the Responsible Coaching Movement, a Commitment to Ethical Coaching in Canada, Best Practice in Canada's sport system Minor athletes: Vision 2020

### **Policy**

It is the policy of the Renfrew Minor Soccer Club that there must always be at least two screened team officials present at official soccer activities and events where a minor is involved. This can include two coaches or a coach and another team official so long as one of the individuals is of the same gender as the athlete.

Any one-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete must take place within earshot and view of the second coach or designated screened individual, with the exception of medical emergencies.

If a second screened official is not available a parent or adult can be recruited.

### **Implementation**

The Club educates coaches, players and parents about this policy through staff and volunteer meetings, player/parent meetings and publishing it on the Club website.

Coaches and administrators are directed to follow this policy in the Coach and Administrator Handbooks provided each season to them. This policy is also referenced in the Club's Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Policy that each team is required to establish.

Coaches and Team Officials are required to sign a Coach and Manager Declaration that lists relevant Club policies, acknowledging that have read and understand the policies and agree to abide by them.

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