



Rule of Two Policy

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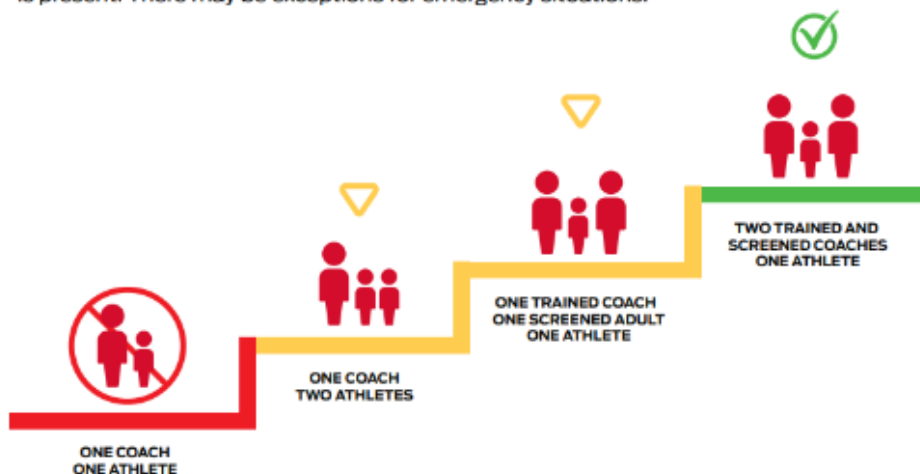
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Kemptville District Soccer Club (KDSC) will use and follow the recommended information from the *Canada Soccer – Guide to Safety* with regards to “The Rule of Two Policy.” The Guide states that there will always be two screened and NCCP-trained or certified coaches with an athlete in situations where the athlete is potentially vulnerable. One-on-one interaction between a coach and an athlete, without another individual present, must be avoided in all circumstances except in situations of medical emergencies.

A “Person in Authority” is defined as an NCCP-trained or certified coach, a screened volunteer, or other adults.

RULE OF TWO

The goal of the **Rule of Two** is to ensure all interactions and communications are open, observable and justifiable. Its purpose is to protect participants (especially minors) and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present. There may be exceptions for emergency situations.



Travel/Accommodations:

A Person in Authority may not be alone in a vehicle with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athletes' parent or guardian. A Person in Authority may not share a room or be alone in a room with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athletes' parent or guardian. Room checks during overnight stays must be done by two Persons in Authority.

Changing Area/Locker Room/Meeting Room:

Interactions between a Person in Authority and an individual athlete should not occur in any room where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy such as the changing area, locker room, meeting room or washroom. A second Person in Authority should be present for all necessary interactions in such rooms. If Persons in Authority are not present in the changing area or locker room, or if they are not permitted to be present, they should still be made available outside of the area and be able to enter the room/area, if required.

Competition/Training Environment:

A Person in Authority should never be alone with an athlete prior to or following a competition or training event unless the Person in Authority is the athletes' parent or guardian. If the athlete is the first athlete to arrive, the athlete's parent should remain until another athlete or Person in Authority arrives. If an athlete would potentially be alone with a Person in Authority following a competition or training event, the Person in Authority should ask for another Person in Authority (or a parent/guardian of another athlete) to stay until all the athletes have been picked up by the parent/guardian. If a Person in Authority is not available, then another athlete should be present to avoid the Person in Authority to be alone with a single athlete. Persons in Authority providing instructions, demonstrating skills, or facilitating drills or lessons to an individual athlete should always be doing so within eyesight or earshot of another Person in Authority.

Gender Identity:

For teams consisting of athletes of one gender identity, a Person in Authority of the same gender identity should be available to participate or attend every interaction. For teams consisting of athletes of more than one gender identity (e.g., co-ed teams), a Person in Authority of each gender identity should be available to participate or attend every interaction.

Requirements for this policy have been adapted from the Canada Soccer – Guide to Safety and will be updated when the information in the Guide has been updated.