

# OXFORD JUNIOR STARS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

## Changing Room Policy

**Although It would be ideal for every ice rink to provide separate and appropriate changing rooms, it isn't always possible so compromises have to be made while still adhering to EIHA policy and guidelines.**

### **PLAYERS:**

For HOME games and training, players are to use the appropriate changing rooms provided (girls in the downstairs viewing area and boys rinkside) and should not enter each other's changing rooms unless

(a) it is during a game for the team talk and (b) ONLY once they have been informed that the other players are suitably dressed ie: no less than sweats.

For the younger age groups who use the viewing area, wherever possible please ensure that your child arrives with their sweats already on. If for any reason this isn't possible please encourage them to use the changing rooms independently where club officials should be present or bathrooms where you can assist them with sweats/ skates ect before returning to the viewing area to finish kitting.

For AWAY games where only 1 changing room has been provided, NO ONE should be in any less clothing than sweats until / unless there are no members of the opposite sex remaining (please remember that other clubs have the right to impose their own rules and regulations providing they adhere to EIHA policy)

### **PARENTS / GUARDIANS:**

Only adults with a current EIHA DBS check may enter the changing rooms. If for any reason this isn't possible and only as a last resort, at least 1 of the adults must have the DBS.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THERE BE ANY LESS THAN 2 ADULTS PRESENT** (see EIHA policy)

If for any reason your child / young person requires additional support which requires you to be with them eg has a SEN, please speak to one of your Child Protection Officers. ANY INFORMATION YOU SHARE WITH THEM WILL BE HELD IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND NEVER SHARED WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.

Parents / Guardians must respect any officials request to leave the changing room should the situation arise (see Parents Code of Conduct).

For safety reasons only players, officials and rink staff may use the areas adjacent to the nets during training or a game. For the younger age groups you may assist a player with their kit but must return upstairs prior to the players getting on the ice.

## **MOBILE PHONES.**

Due to the alarming increase and severity of child protection and safeguarding issues involving social media, **mobile phone use is not permitted in the changing rooms under any circumstance.** Players may have them in a pocket or bag but **MUST** leave the changing rooms before using them for any reason eg: phone call home to parents.

Spot checks will routinely be carried out by club officials and any player found USING their phone in the changing room will, in the 1st instance, be given a verbal warning. Repeated warnings may result in further sanctions.

This policy is consistent with EIHA policies, child protection and safeguarding legislation and is there for the safety and protection of our young players and also everyone involved in this club and the sport as a whole. If you have any concerns surrounding your child / young person please contact your club CPO (s)

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