

Clarification on Locker Room Monitors

Colorado being one of the highest-ranking states in SafeSport reports received and about 80% of those reports come from locker room issues nationwide across USA Hockey.

CAHA has, in conjunction with best practices from the annual meetings of USA Hockey held in June, adopted the following practices regarding locker room monitors that was shared with members in the August 3 meeting.

1. Every team will have at least two non-coach locker room monitors rostered (these can include managers, and other volunteers)
2. Every team event where a locker room is used two locker room monitors will be present in the locker room, if an event occurs that only one non-coach locker room monitor is present, that monitor will be directly in the doorway or immediately outside the door in ear shot, regularly checking in with the team.
3. Coaches will not be the only locker room monitors.
4. Locker room monitors will be gender appropriate.
5. All locker room monitors will be background screened, Safesport trained and appropriate for the role assigned.

CAHA appreciates and supports all of the organizations that are supporting players, coaches and the safety of everyone in the locker rooms. These changes are not meant to be punitive but to protect players so they can experience the culture of team in the locker room safely and with dignity as well as coaches from being pulled away and held accountable when something occurs and they were the only locker room monitor assigned.

It is the policy of USA Hockey that all USA Hockey Member Programs must have at least one responsible screened and trained adult (which may include coaches, managers or other volunteers) present at all times and monitoring the locker room during all team events

Preferred locker room monitoring includes having locker room monitors inside the locker room

If the monitor(s) are inside, then it is strongly recommended that there be two monitors, as having a second monitor may help prevent allegations of impropriety by a monitor alone in the locker room. A Member Program or team may impose or follow stricter monitoring requirements. All Member Programs are responsible to work with their teams and coaches to adequately ensure that locker room monitors are in place at all appropriate times.

