



RULE OF TWO POLICY

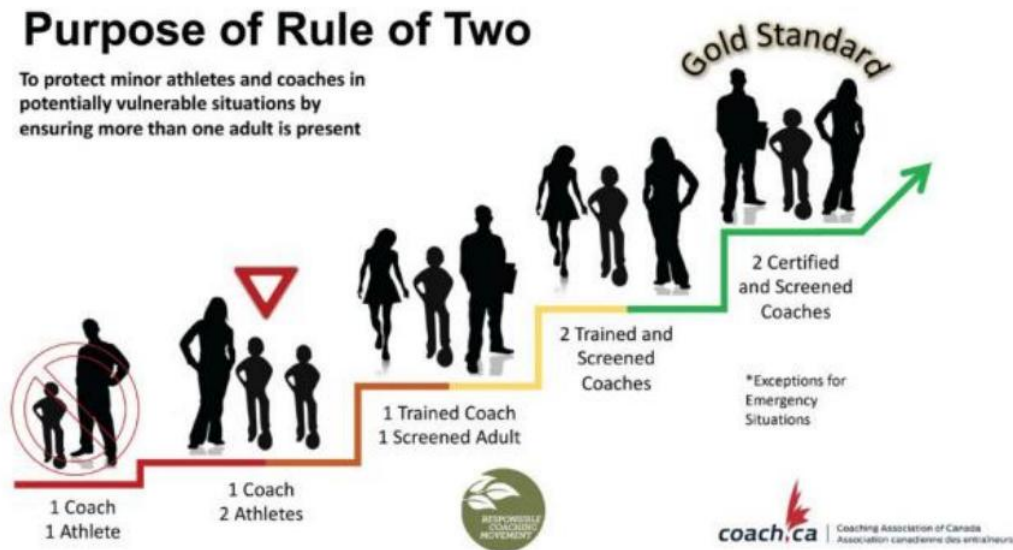
OKD Soccer Club Rule of Two

Purpose

The Rule of Two Policy at OKD Soccer Club (OKD) is designed to protect athletes by ensuring that no individual is ever placed in a vulnerable one-on-one situation with a person in authority.

This policy promotes:

- Athlete safety and well-being
- Transparency and accountability
- Trust between players, coaches, and families



Core Principle: The Rule of Two

At all times, there must be a minimum of two responsible individuals present during interactions with athletes.

Key Requirements

- Coaches, assistant coaches, and team staff must never be alone with a player in any setting (e.g., meetings, locker rooms, or training environments)
- Ideally, both individuals should be NCCP-trained or certified coaches
- If this is not possible, a screened adult (manager, volunteer, club staff, or parent) may serve as the second responsible person
- If no second adult is available, multiple athletes must be present to avoid one-on-one interaction

Training and Competition Environment

These standards apply before, during, and after all practices and games:

- Coaches must not be alone with an athlete at any time
 - Ensure at least two adults or multiple athletes are present in all situations
 - Supervision must continue until all players have safely left
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Locker Room and Meeting Spaces

To maintain privacy and safety:

- Coaches and staff should not be alone with an athlete in locker rooms or private areas
 - A second responsible adult must always be present if interaction is required
 - Coaches should generally remain outside changing areas, available if needed
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Travel Guidelines

When traveling with athletes, the following practices are strongly recommended:

Transportation

- Coaches or staff must not drive an athlete alone unless they are the athlete's parent or legal guardian

Accommodation

- Coaches must not share hotel rooms with athletes (unless they are their own child)

Supervision

- Two responsible adults should conduct room checks during overnight stays
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Gender Identity Considerations

OKD is committed to respectful and inclusive practices:

- When possible, a person in authority should match the gender identity of the athlete(s)
 - For teams with mixed gender identities, efforts should be made to have representation from each gender among staff
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Support and Implementation

To ensure compliance with the Rule of Two:

- Teams are encouraged to assign a parent liaison or team volunteer
 - This role helps ensure that two screened adults are consistently present
 - Additional support should be arranged when staffing or gender considerations require it
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Final Statement

The Rule of Two is a critical safeguard at OKD Soccer Club. By maintaining proper supervision and avoiding one-on-one situations, we create a safe, respectful, and accountable environment for all athletes.

All coaches, staff, volunteers, and parents share responsibility in upholding this standard.