



USA Hockey Locker Room Policy

USA Hockey requires that all local programs publish their locker room policies to the parents of all minor participants.

Auburn Hockey Club's Locker Room Policy

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety and protection of our participants is central to the Auburn Hockey Club's goals. The Auburn Hockey Club adheres to the USA Hockey's SafeSport Program to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse, and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment, and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, the Auburn Hockey Club has adopted the following locker room policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms.

At Casey Park there are 4 locker rooms available for our program's use, in addition there is 1 Highschool varsity female changing room available to 14U-18U female hockey players when not utilizing the minimal attire policy.

Some teams in our program may also occasionally or regularly travel to play games at other arenas, and those locker rooms, rest rooms and shower facilities will vary from location to location. The Auburn Hockey Club's team organizers will attempt to provide information on the locker room facilities in advance of games away from our home arena. At arenas for which you are unfamiliar, parents should plan to have extra time and some flexibility making arrangements for their child to dress, undress and shower if desired.

Locker Room Monitoring

The Auburn Hockey Club has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas 30 minutes before and 15 minutes following practices and games unless additional approved usage is given by the board of directors. This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas.

We conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before players arrive. Coach/Assistant Coach or a AHC Board approved team manager/locker room monitor (each of which has been screened) is always required inside the locker room while occupied by players. Only coaches, players, and AHC approved team personnel are permitted in the locker room.

14U-18U Co-Ed teams when personal includes multiple genders rooms will require gender appropriate supervision in locker rooms. When complying with minimum attire policy 6U-12U this is not a requirement.

Unsupervised usage of locker rooms will result in suspension of locker room use.

Parents in Locker Rooms

Parents, EXCEPT for players at the younger age groups (8U and 6U), are not permitted in locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear the assistance can be provided by coaches or outside the locker room by parent. Necessary parent occupancy would be if the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player. Naturally, with our youngest age groups it is necessary for parents to assist the players getting dressed. We encourage parents to teach their players as young as possible how to get dressed so that players will learn as early as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are permitted to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game so that the coaches may address the players.

Co-Ed Locker Rooms

Some of our teams consist of both male and female players. It is important that the privacy rights of all of our players are given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Where possible, the Auburn Hockey Club will have the 14U-18U male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single locker room before the game or team meeting. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then the male and female players proceed to their separate locker rooms to undress and shower, if available.

If separate locker rooms are not available, then the players will take turns using the locker room to change. We understand that these arrangements may require that players arrive earlier or leave later to dress but believe that this is the most reasonable way to accommodate and respect all of our players. When these arrangements cannot be met by the facility or the AHC, players will follow the Co-Ed Dressing Arrangements policy. Showers and bathrooms in locker rooms are not available to Auburn Hockey Club members.

Co-Ed Dressing Arrangements

The issue of co-ed dressing arrangements in locker rooms often arises, and USA Hockey is frequently asked to provide some type of guideline about dealing with such situations. Teams, leagues, associations and USA Hockey need to recognize that there are gender equity issues to deal with when managing a co-ed locker room setting. Both female and male privacy rights must be given consideration and appropriate arrangements made.

Minimum Attire Policy

Auburn Hockey Club 6U-12U will follow a minimum attire policy. All players are required to arrive at the rink or change in a separate area so that prior to entering the locker room they are wearing their hockey base layers or shorts and t-shirts (in good condition - no holes or tears in clothing). All members of the team must have this minimum attire before entering a co-ed locker room so that no player has the opportunity to see players of the opposite gender in a state of dress/undress.

Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

The Auburn Hockey Club prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment, and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees, or volunteers in the Auburn Hockey Club may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies. Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or may call 1-800-888-4656.

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