



## **Southcoast Panthers Youth Hockey Association**

### **USA HOCKEY LOCKER ROOM POLICY**

USA Hockey Locker Room Policy states the following:

“USA Hockey is concerned with locker room activities between minor players; minor players and adult players; adults being alone with individual minor players in locker rooms; and with nonofficial or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

It is the policy of USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine that all Affiliates, Districts, leagues, and local hockey programs have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants, (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach.

Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.

**Teams, leagues and local hockey associations shall also comply with the USA Hockey Coed locker room policy set out below. “**

To ensure the safety of our players, Southcoast Panthers will abide by the above policy. Only players, coaches and CORI'd volunteers will be allowed in the locker room. Coach's from each team will identify which coaches and/or CORI'd volunteers are to be allowed in the locker room during their team's scheduled events. The role of the responsible adult is to directly monitor the locker room during all team events. They will be asked to unlock the locker rooms when the

players arrive, and lock them once all the players have left the locker room. This will ensure that no player is left unattended in the locker room. Players who arrive late will have to find the approved person, to unlock the locker room. Players are encouraged to dress/undress in the locker rooms, with the assistance of the locker room monitors, or move to the lobby area for assistance from parents.

It is our hope that this policy promotes a safe environment for our players. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.