

Werewolves of London Changing Room Policy

Guidelines on Changing Rooms

The aim of this policy, which is based on EIHA's policy, is to provide coaches, managers, parents and players with guidance regarding conduct in changing rooms, whilst this list is not exhaustive; it will serve as a basic guide and will be reviewed annually.

The policy may be subject to immediate change to reflect a change in legislation or particular circumstances that may arise.

1. All changing rooms being used will be supervised by at least two Werewolves coaches/volunteers who have current enhanced DBS disclosures.
2. Children should be supervised by parent carers at all times and should not be left to their own devices within changing rooms or around the arena.
3. No fewer than two Werewolves coaches/volunteers will take responsibility for the supervision of those using the changing rooms.
4. Separate changing facilities will be made available for female players.
5. Players should be supervised and supported by a parent, carer, or in the absence of a parent/carer, a Werewolves coach/volunteer of the same gender.
6. The Werewolves will work to ensure a good gender balance within the club to facilitate effective changing room supervision.
7. Werewolves Coaches/Volunteers should not offer to do tasks of a personal nature which a young person, or their parent carer, could do for themselves. However, when requested to do so by a parent/carer, a coach/volunteer may assist with eg tying laces, and fitting helmets etc.
8. We expect a parent carer of players under 18 to supervise and support their child in the changing room. Parent Carers should also support vulnerable players aged 18 and over as necessary.
9. Werewolves has a No Shower policy. Players and coaches should not use the showers at any time before, during or after our training sessions.
10. Players should not be allowed to change in public places, such as skate hire areas or seating areas within arenas.
11. Whilst every effort should be made to accommodate safe changing spaces for young people it may be necessary for establishments to erect temporary changing facilities. This should be in accordance with the points raised earlier.
12. In the event of a child having to return to the changing room through injury or exclusion from the game they should be accompanied by their parent/carer.

13. A separate changing area should be provided for senior players aged 18 and over.
14. In the case of mixed aged players sharing a changing room with adult players, the Club must have consent from a parent/carer that their child may share a changing room with an adult player. Parent/carers, Club Coaches and Volunteers should take responsibility for ensuring that the welfare of the young person is addressed.
15. Players should arrive at the rink at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the session in order to be ready on time for the start of the session.
16. The number of additional family members in the locker room should be kept to a minimum.
17. Once a player has put his skates on he should remain seated until advised by a coach to leave the changing room. This is very important to avoid the risk of a player's skates injuring others.

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