

PSA Canada – Rule of Two Policy

PSA Canada is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants. In alignment with Canada Soccer, Ontario Soccer, and the Coaching Association of Canada, PSA Canada adopts and enforces the Rule of Two.

1. What is the Rule of Two?

The Rule of Two means that there will always be two screened and certified adults present with athletes. One-on-one situations between a coach and an athlete must be avoided whenever possible.

2. Application at PSA Canada

- Training Sessions: At least two screened adults will be present during all training activities. If only one coach is available, activities must occur in an open and observable environment.
- Games and Competitions: Teams will ensure two responsible adults are present at all times.
- Electronic Communication: Communication with athletes will include parents/guardians for minors. Private direct messaging is not permitted.
- Change Rooms: Coaches will not be alone in locker rooms with athletes. Monitoring will follow Safe Sport best practices.
- Travel: When traveling, athletes will not be alone with a single coach. Appropriate supervision ratios will be maintained.

3. Screening and Compliance

All coaches and team personnel must complete proper background screening, including a Criminal Record Check with a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), Respect in Sport training, and applicable NCCP certification requirements.

4. Reporting and Accountability

Any violation of this policy must be reported immediately to the Technical Director or Club President. Concerns related to child protection will be reported to the appropriate authorities in accordance with Ontario law.

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