

# WOODBIDGE SOCCER CLUB

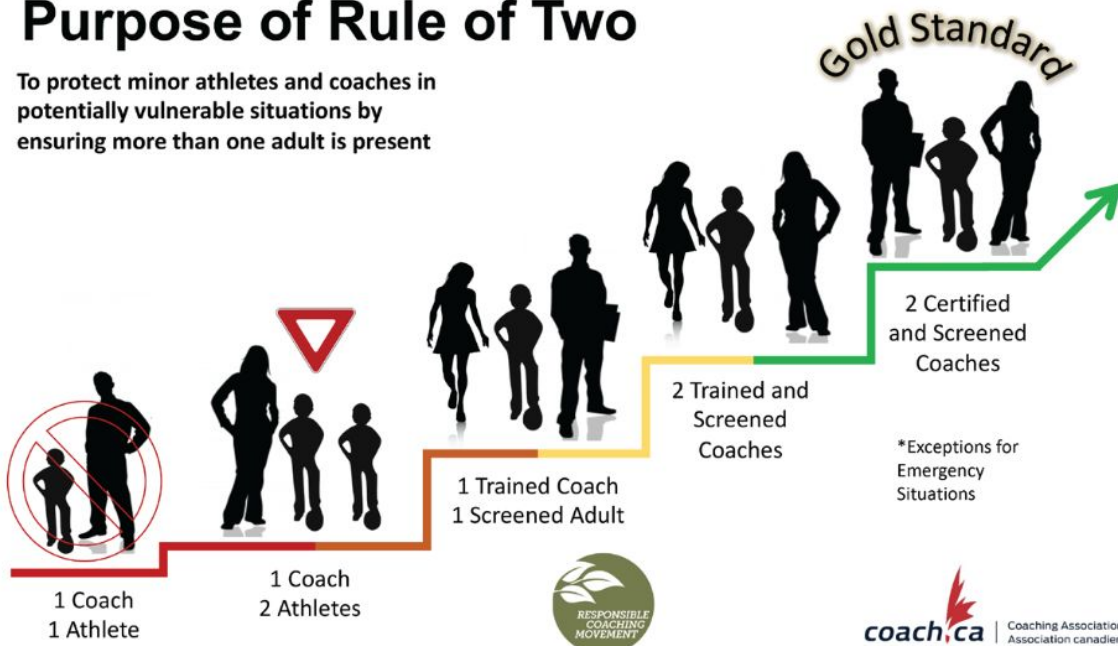
## Rule of Two

When a WSC Coach, Volunteer Coach, Assistant Coach or Manager is in a potentially vulnerable situation with any WSC player such as in a locker room or meeting room, another WSC Coach, Volunteer Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or the parent/guardian of the player(s) must be present.

For a Person in Authority in any one-on-one situation with any WSC player, **there must** be two NCCP-trained or certified coach present with an athlete. If NCCP-trained or certified coaches are not available, screened volunteers (such as managers, support personnel, chaperones and Directors of the club or organization) should be available instead. If screened volunteers are not available, parents of other athletes should be asked to temporarily substitute. If another adult is not available, there should always be more than one athlete with the coach.

### Purpose of Rule of Two

To protect minor athletes and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present



## **Travel**

**The following guidelines are strongly recommended during travel with athletes:**

A Person in Authority may not be alone in a car with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian

A Person in Authority may not share a room or be alone in a hotel room with an athlete unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian

Room or bed checks during overnight stays must be done by two Persons in Authority

## **Locker Room / Changing Area / Meeting Room**

**The following guidelines are strongly recommended for locker rooms, changing areas, and meeting rooms:**

Interactions between a Person in Authority and an individual athlete should not occur in any room where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy such as the locker room, meeting room, washroom, or changing area. A second Person in Authority should be present for all necessary interactions in any such room.

If Persons in Authority are not present in the locker room or changing area, or if they are not permitted to be present, they should still be available outside the locker room or changing area and be able to enter the room or area if required.

## **Training / Competition Environment**

**The following guidelines are strongly recommended for the training and competition environment (including before, during, and after practices and games):**

A Person in Authority should never be alone with an athlete prior to or following a game or practice, unless the Person in Authority is the athlete's parent or guardian. If the athlete is the first athlete to arrive, the athlete's parent should remain until another athlete or Person in Authority arrives. Similarly, if an athlete would potentially be alone with a Person in Authority following a game or practice, the Person in Authority should ask another Person in Authority (or a parent or guardian of another athlete) to stay until all the athletes have been picked up. If an adult is not available then another athlete should be present in order to avoid the Person in Authority being alone with a single athlete.

Persons in Authority giving instructions, demonstrating skills, or facilitating drills or lessons to an individual athlete should always be doing so within earshot and eyesight of another Person in Authority.

## **Gender Identity**

**If possible a Person in Authority who is interacting with athletes should be of the same gender identity as the athletes. The following guidelines are strongly recommended:**

For teams consisting of athletes of just one gender identity, a Person in Authority of the same gender identity should be available whenever possible to participate or attend every interaction.

For teams consisting of athletes of more than one gender identity (e.g., co-ed teams), a Person in Authority of each gender identity should be available whenever possible to participate or attend every interaction

## **Person in Authority support**

Recruit a Parent Liaison or other individual to help find parents and guardians to assist in situations where two NCCP-trained or certified coaches may potentially not be present

For teams that only have coaches who do not share the same gender identity of some or all the athletes (i.e., for female teams with male coaches), ask a parent or guardian of the gender identity of the athletes to serve as a liaison/volunteer when necessary.

Ask parents or other individuals who volunteer with the team to participate in the organization's screening process and obtain a criminal record check.