



# Oakville Hornets Girls Hockey Association

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## **Oakville Hornets Girls Hockey Association Device Use Policy**

### **Policy**

The Oakville Hornets Girls Hockey Association (the “**OHGHA**”) Device Use policy governs the use of recording devices in dressing rooms by OHGHA Members (as defined herein).

### **Definitions**

“**DEVICE**” is defined as any recording or communication device capable of recording images, video and/or sounds. This includes smartphones, mobile phones, tablets, video cameras, cameras and audio recorders.

“**OHGHA MEMBER(S)**” includes all registered players, their parents and/or guardians, team staff, employees, and volunteers (i.e., coaches, trainers, team managers, dressing room supervisors, members of the OHGHA Executive, Board and its designated committee members that are permitted to be at an OHGHA event)

“**OHGHA EVENT**” for the purposes of this policy, means a practice, game, team meeting and or training event where a Dressing Room is used.

“**DRESSING ROOM**” means an officially designated space for changing in and out of gear (i.e., hockey equipment and/or training clothing)”. This excludes public restrooms; however, OHGHA members must adhere to facility policies and/or local laws and by-laws when using Devices in public restrooms, which is generally prohibited.

### **Use of Devices at any OHGHA Event for Social Media Purposes**

See OHGHA [Social Media Policy](#) for further direction.

## **Use of Devices in Dressing Rooms**

All persons entering a dressing room are NOT permitted to use any Device within the dressing room. However, if Devices are brought to OHGHA Events, OHGHA Members must adhere to the following:

- Devices must remain concealed in a bag, pocket or purse while in a dressing room.
- Devices brought to an OHGHA Event can be placed in a designated team Device container, however, if for any reason a player chooses to bring a Device to an OHGHA Event and leave the Device with an OHGHA staff member, that player does so at their own risk. The OHGHA will not be held responsible for lost or damaged devices.
- At the discretion of the Head Coach a dedicated communication device may be permitted for the sole purpose of providing music in the dressing room.
- A Device can be used in the Dressing Rooms in the event of an emergency situation for such Device to be used in the resolution of the emergency (e.g., to contact emergency personnel (police, fire, ambulance), use of a flashlight, take a picture of an injury to share with medical or emergency personnel - in such case the picture/recording should be deleted once provided to the medical or emergency personnel).
- Device use will also be permitted for medical purposes (glucose monitor, heart monitor, etc.)

This policy applies to any OHGHA Event. Violations of this policy will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action being taken by the OHGHA as follows:

1. Any OHGHA Member who uses a Device at an OHGHA Event in contravention with this policy will receive an automatic one game suspension upon a determination by the OHGHA Ethics and Discipline committee that a breach has occurred.
2. All subsequent violations of this policy will result in an automatic suspension until a discipline meeting with the OHGHA Board is convened. The OHGHA Board may issue further discipline or sanctions in accordance with its discipline policies, up to and including release from the OHGHA.
3. OHGHA Members sanctioned pursuant to this policy will not be eligible for any economic compensation (i.e., there will be no refunds of registration fees or team assessment fees paid for lost games or if releases are granted).

***OHGHA Members are bound by this policy and all policies of the OWHA, and Hockey Canada. Where these policies are incongruent, this OHGHA policy and its related sanctions, prevails.***