

**Rule of Two Policy LSC Soccer  
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The Rule of Two serves to protect players in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one (1) adult is present. Vulnerable situations can occur in closed doors meetings, travel and training environments.

**The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches with a player and/or parent, especially a minor, when in a potentially vulnerable situation.** This means any one-on-one interaction between a coach and a player must take place within earshot and view of the second coach, except for medical emergencies.

In the event where screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches are not available, a screened volunteer, parents or adult can be recruited.

In all instances, one coach/volunteer must reflect the genders of the player participating or be of an appropriate identity in relation to the player.

**Travelling to and from practices, games, tournaments**

Parents are strongly encouraged to bring and pick up their own kid, avoid carpooling between parents for all team events.

Preferable to have at least one coaching staff member the same gender as the athletes. More than one coaching staff member/team manager must be at all team events. If only one coaching staff members/team manager can attend, then a parent of an athlete must also be with the coach/team manager.

Travelling away, all athletes must always stay together, exception is only if granted permission by the coaching staff. Depending of the ages and genders, a coach/team manager or a parent preferable of the same gender will accompany the player. A player cannot leave the group for any amount of time alone, one or more teammates must accompany the player along with the coaching staff member/team manager.

All the above mentioned applies to every team event and for every sort of travel, by bus, train, plane.

Carpooling, we do not allow for a coach to take a player to and from a team event in their vehicle. Exception is only if there are 2 coaches/team manager and at least one of the same genders as the athletes, plus two or more athletes.

The above exception will be permitted only if the parents of the players prior to the departure has sent an-e-mail to the coaches giving them permission to do so.

### **Team or players meetings conducted by the coaching staff**

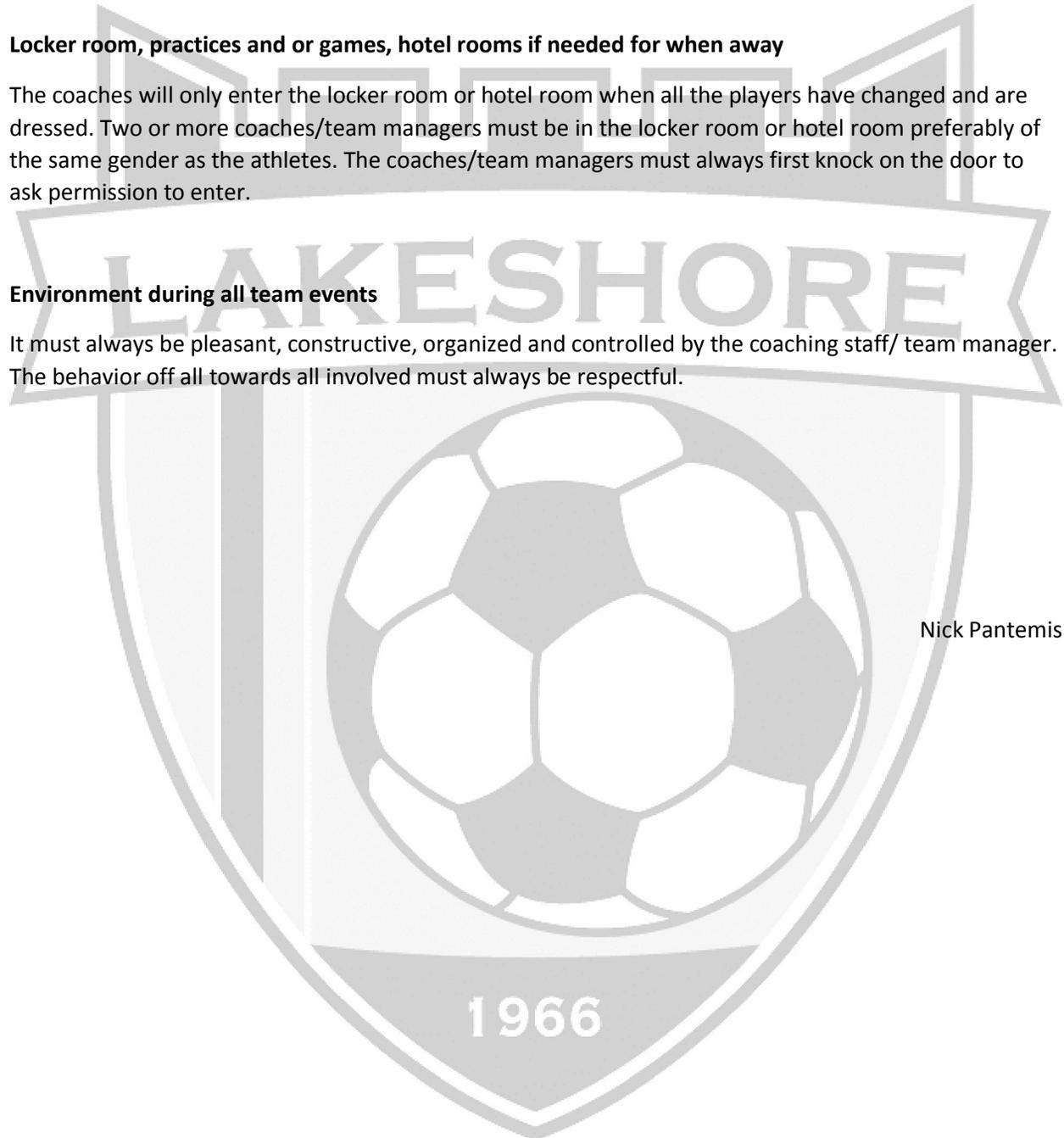
All meetings in an open or closed of area, must include, a minimum of two coaches/team manager preferably at least one of the same genders as the athletes and a minimum of two players.

### **Locker room, practices and or games, hotel rooms if needed for when away**

The coaches will only enter the locker room or hotel room when all the players have changed and are dressed. Two or more coaches/team managers must be in the locker room or hotel room preferably of the same gender as the athletes. The coaches/team managers must always first knock on the door to ask permission to enter.

### **Environment during all team events**

It must always be pleasant, constructive, organized and controlled by the coaching staff/ team manager. The behavior off all towards all involved must always be respectful.



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