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1.1 Definition

a) The Rule of Two is part of a joint collaboration between the Coaches Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport as part of the Responsible Coaching Movement. The goal of the Rule of Two is to ensure all interactions and communications are open, observable, and justifiable. Its purpose is to protect Vulnerable Individuals (especially participants who are minors) and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present. Vulnerable situations can include but are not limited to closed doors meetings, travel, and training environments amongst others.

1.2 Application

a) In supporting its commitment to a Safe Sport Environment, the MGA strongly recommends that all Member clubs aim to adopt the "Rule of Two" in the responsible delivery by persons in a Position of Authority, of coaching and related programs and services as well as in Virtual Settings. The "Rule of Two" means the following:

   i. That a coach (or responsible adult) is never alone with or out of sight with any Vulnerable Individual. Interactions between Vulnerable Individuals and persons who are in a Position of Authority should be open, observable, and/or interruptible.

   ii. Two NCCP trained or certified coaches should always be present with a Vulnerable Individual when in a potentially vulnerable situation. When two NCCP trained or certified coaches are not available, another responsible adult (who should be screened) can be substituted. In situations where an NCCP trained or certified coach is also a Vulnerable Individual, they must always coach with an adult present.

   iii. One of the coaches (or responsible adults) is recommended where possible to be of the same gender identity as the athlete.

iv. One-on-one texting, emailing or online contact (including social media and zoom) between a coach (or responsible adult) and a Vulnerable Individual is prohibited. Any texting, emailing or online contact should be limited to group text, email or zoom with at least two responsible adults included. Communication should be pertaining to coaching or club matters only.

b) The MGA recognizes that, in particular circumstances of team travel, strict adherence to each aspect of the Rule of Two may be impractical or impossible. The MGA expects that its member clubs and the persons in a Position of Authority entrusted with the care of Vulnerable Individuals will take prudent and reasonable steps to ensure that all or as many aspects of the Rule of Two are able to be followed consistently, with as few exceptions as possible.