



RULE OF TWO GUIDELINES

WCL strongly recommends the 'Rule of Two' be followed for all Persons in Authority who interact with Athletes, to the maximum extent possible. The 'Rule of Two' is a directive that says that an Athlete must never be alone one-on-one with an unrelated Person in Authority.

WCL recognizes that fully implementing the 'Rule of Two', may not always be possible in some instances. Consequently, at minimum, interactions between Persons in Authority and Athletes must respect the following:

TRANSPARENT

- The training environment should be open to observation so that all interactions between Persons in Authority and Athletes are observable. This could include leaving the door open when having a meeting and/or moving away from others in a public space but staying within eyesight.
- Avoid private or one-on-one situations unless they are open and observable by another adult or Athlete.

AUTHORIZED

- Persons in Authority shall not invite or have a Minor Athlete(s) in their home without the written permission and contemporaneous knowledge of the Minor Athlete's parent or guardian
- Minor Athletes must not be in a situation where they are alone with a Person in Authority without another screened adult or athlete present unless prior written permission is obtained from the Minor Athlete's parent or guardian

ACCOUNTABLE

- If a situation arises where an interaction that breaks the spirit of the 'Rule of Two' arises, Persons in Authority should make themselves accountable by reporting it to a staff or volunteer supervisor

RULE OF TWO – VIRTUAL SETTING

The Rule of Two shall apply to all Minors in a virtual environment. Specifically:

- For Minor Athletes, where possible, a parent or guardian should be present during any virtual session;
- Parents or guardians of Minors shall be informed by WCL of the activities that will occur during the virtual session, as well as the process of the virtual session;
- Parents or guardians of Minors shall provide consent to the Minor participating in the virtual session, if irregularly scheduled, or prior to the first session if the sessions occur on a regular basis;
- Communications during virtual sessions shall take place in an open and observable environment. Sessions must be initiated in appropriate locations.

Please refer to the [Safe Sport Policy Manual](#) for more details on WCL's Athlete Protection Policy.

