



SOUTH BURNABY

METRO CLUB

Rule of Two Policy

OBJECTIVE

- To clearly communicate protocols for athlete and coach interactions.

GUIDELINES

The safety of players and members is of primary importance to SBMC. We strive to not only provide children with a safe place to play, but more importantly a feeling of safety when around team officials and members in general.

The Coaching Association of Canada has a “Rule of Two” which states that ideally, except for medical emergencies, there should always be two screened and NCCP trained or certified coaches with an athlete in situations where the athlete is potentially vulnerable (this is the Gold Standard). With respect to implementing the principles in this Rule of Two, Canada Soccer expects:

- that, if NCCP trained or certified coaches are not available, screened volunteers (such as manager, support personnel, chaperone and club officials) should be available instead.
- that, if screened volunteers are not available, parents of other athletes should be asked to temporarily substitute.
- that if another adult is not available, there should always be more than one athlete with the coach (this is the lowest standard and not recommended).

SBMC has adopted The Rule of Two. Full details of The Rule of Two can be found at:

https://canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CanadaSoccer_RuleOfTwo_EN.pdf

The following diagram is illustrative of the Rule of Two:

