



Electronic Device Ban in Locker Rooms – Effective March 1/2026

Policy Details and Rationale

Effective immediately, all electronic devices are prohibited in all changerooms and locker rooms.

Devices Covered by the Policy - Devices included, but not limited to, are cameras, camera phones, cell phones, camera cell phones, video cameras, and any form of camera or video device.

Restrictions During BCHL Events

The use of any form of camera, video camera, or cell phone is prohibited in any recreational facility change room or locker room during any Brantford Community Hockey League (BCHL) sanctioned event. This includes practice, games, and shinny, whether held in a home or away arena.

Concerns Raised by Technology

Advancements in technology have enabled cell phone cameras to discreetly photograph objects, even while appearing to dial a number. This capability has created significant concerns within minor hockey, the BCHL Association, and the broader community. There is a real risk that individuals may secretly take photos of others undressing in changerooms or bathrooms.

Cell phones are particularly problematic because they often produce higher-quality images than traditional video cameras and can send photos elsewhere immediately, eliminating evidence instead of storing it locally. Unlike video cameras, cell phones, iPods, and similar devices do not require a disguise or excuse to be brought into sensitive areas such as changerooms or bathrooms.

Policy Enforcement

If a device is used in this manner, it constitutes a violation of personal privacy. Such actions will not be tolerated by Brantford Community Hockey League and immediate disciplinary action will occur up to and including expulsion from our organization and disciplinary action from our governing body of Alliance Hockey and Hockey Canada.

To report any violation of this policy and/or for questions, please contact our Director of Risk Management at riskmanagement@bchl.net.