

### Extension of “2 deep” policy to include electronic communications.

As referenced in BC Hockey Bulletin [2013-02-R](#) the “two deep” method of face to face communication between team/association officials\* and players has been in use for several years now and is well documented and utilized. LGIHA is extending this policy to include all forms of electronic communications between officials and players of our or any association. Electronic communications include, but are not limited to, e-mail, text, instant messaging and all forms of social media.

All LGIHA team and association officials are to only communicate with players in an open forum by including the player’s parent(s)/guardian(s) or another team official.

If a player initiates electronic contact directly with a team or association official without including a parent or additional team official, the official in receipt of the communication is **only** to respond after including a parent(s)/guardian(s) or team official of the initiating player or additional team official.

Violation of this policy can result in immediate dismissal as an official within our association.

*\*A team official is an executive member, coach, assistant coach, manager, HCSP (safety person) rostered in the Hockey Canada Registry within the association/team.*

Some examples of this policy are below:

Coach Jane would like to e-mail a player on her team directly with some video of a drill she will be including in the next practice. The coach is to include another team official in the e-mail.

As per the coaches policy a player texts the team manager to let him know that she will be unable to attend practice tomorrow. The manager is to include a team official in his reply.

Coach Bill sees a Facebook post from a player celebrating a good report card. The coach would like to congratulate the player and can do so by commenting publically in the open forum on the players post.

Any questions regarding this policy can be directed to the Association [Risk Manager](#)