



Reference: Rule of Two Guidelines (Canada Soccer)

- MAC United is committed to applying and implementing the rule of two policy. The rule of two policy ensures that the wellbeing, health and safety of the players are maintained during practices and games. MAC United staff, coaches and volunteers are to adhere to the rule of two policy to protect players (minors) and coaches from vulnerable situations and to ensure that coaches are never alone with athletes. Coaches should always be an earshot or within the eyesight of another person in authority during practices and games.
- All teams are required to have two certified coaches on a team roster. On a boy or girl team, team coaches/officials should be of the same gender identity. Teams can also have coaches with two different gender identities. For example, a boys team with one male and one female certified coach. However, there should be a coach, parent and or volunteer of the same gender identity with the team at all times.
- The Rule of Two states that there will always be two screened and NCCP-trained or certified coaches with an athlete in situations where the athlete is potentially vulnerable. One-on-one interactions between a coach and an athlete, without another individual present, must be avoided in all circumstances except medical emergencies. In other words, coaches should not be talking to players one-on-one without the presence of a certified coach present.
- It is ideal and highly recommended that two- trained/certified and screened coaches are present. In the case that a certified coach is not available, a club manager, or director of the club should be present or the players parent/guardian or other volunteers should be present.