



RULE OF TWO POLICY

1. Policy Statement

UFootballSC is committed to maintaining a safe and accountable environment for all participants. The Rule of Two is designed to reduce situations where a child is placed in a vulnerable position and to promote transparency during all academy activities.

The academy recognizes that child safety is strengthened when interactions between adults and participants occur in observable and accountable settings.

2. Guiding Principle

Whenever reasonably possible, two responsible adults should be present during activities involving participants.

Responsible adults may include:

- Coaches
- Assistant Coaches
- Team Managers
- Approved Volunteers
- Academy Staff Members
- Parents or Guardians

The presence of multiple responsible adults helps protect participants while also protecting coaches and staff from misunderstandings or false allegations.

3. Training Environment

Training sessions should be conducted in locations where activities remain visible to others.

Coaches should avoid remaining alone with a participant before, during, or after training sessions.

Players should not be left unsupervised while waiting for transportation or pick-up following academy activities.

4. Competition and Match Day Procedures

During matches and competitions, academy representatives should maintain appropriate supervision of players while ensuring that interactions remain observable.

Private meetings with individual participants should be avoided whenever possible and should occur only when necessary and in suitable locations.

5. Transportation Expectations

UFootballSC strongly discourages situations where a coach transports a participant alone.

When transportation assistance is required, parents or guardians should be informed in advance and alternative arrangements should be considered whenever possible.

The academy encourages the use of group transportation and parental involvement when travel is required.

6. Change Rooms and Facility Areas

Participants have the right to privacy while changing or preparing for activities.

Academy representatives should avoid being alone with participants in change rooms, washrooms, hotel rooms, or other private spaces.

Supervision should be conducted in a manner that balances participant safety with personal privacy.

7. Communication Practices

Communication with participants should remain transparent, professional, and directly related to academy activities.

Where appropriate, parents or guardians should be copied on electronic communications involving participants.

Private communication channels that exclude parents should be avoided whenever possible.

8. Travel and Overnight Activities

During tournaments, camps, and overnight events, additional safeguards should be implemented.

Participants should not share accommodations with coaches, staff members, or volunteers.

Appropriate supervision plans should be established before travel activities begin.

9. Exceptional Circumstances

UFootballSC recognizes that unexpected situations may arise where strict compliance with the Rule of Two is not possible.

In such cases, academy representatives should take reasonable measures to ensure interactions remain visible, documented, and accountable.

Participant safety must remain the primary consideration at all times.

10. Compliance and Accountability

All coaches, staff members, volunteers, and academy representatives are expected to follow this Rule of Two Policy.

Failure to comply may result in corrective action, suspension of responsibilities, removal from academy activities, or additional disciplinary measures as determined by UFootballSC.

11. Commitment to Safe Sport

UFootballSC believes that every child deserves to participate in soccer within an environment that promotes safety, trust, accountability, and respect.

The Rule of Two is one of the academy's key measures for supporting Safe Sport principles and protecting the well-being of all participants.