

# Safety in Fitness Rooms

Also consult the [\*\*Fitness Activities\*\*](#) safety standards in the Curricular setting.

## To Qualify to Use the Fitness Room

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- Students must be instructed in proper fitness and weight-training techniques and safety procedures, either in physical education class or a training session developed by staff with expertise. This should be reviewed as needed.
- Students must be made aware of inherent risks specific to fitness centre activities.
- Students and parents/guardians need to sign a consent form prior to the student's use of the weight/fitness rooms (consult the [\*\*Sample Interschool Parent/Guardian Letter\*\*](#) and [\*\*Sample Interschool Medical Information and Consent to Participate Form\*\*](#), and the [\*\*Sample Intramural Parent/Guardian Letter\*\*](#) and [\*\*Sample Intramural Medical Information and Consent to Participate Form\*\*](#)).
- Students must have an identifiable pass/tag to enter fitness room and sign in and out of area.
- Only students training are allowed in the room. No spectators.

## Supervision

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- For *elementary activities*, the supervising Coach/Intramural Supervisor must be on-site.
- For *secondary activities* the supervising Coach/Intramural Supervisor must be in the area.
- Fitness rooms require an on-site monitor. Monitors may be educational assistants, retired teachers, parents, co-op students, teacher candidates or trained senior students.
- Duties of the Coach/Intramural Supervisor include:
  - checking the pass/tag of all students who enter fitness room;

- opening and locking the fitness room using procedure established by the school;
- determining that students are following posted rules and procedures;
- establishing a procedure to regularly disinfect equipment; and
- making sure the room is left in proper order.

## Rules of Use

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- The minimum number of students using the fitness room at any given time is two.
- Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn.
- Jewelry is not allowed in the fitness room.
- Procedures must be established so that the facility and equipment are inspected by a Teacher/Coach on a daily basis.
- A process must be in place so that equipment needing repair is identified, removed from use and repaired.
- Any violation of rules may result in some form of sanction being applied (for example, suspension or loss of pass/tag, closure of fitness room).
- A process must be in place where fitness equipment is disinfected on a regular basis (consult with your school board's facilities services for appropriate/approved cleaning products).