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## **Introduction**

The Rule of Two is an initiative promoted by the Responsible Coaching Movement with a goal to provide a safe and respectful environment to all participants in sport and ultimately for the protection of all participants as well as service providers. Implementation of this policy is an essential strategy in Judo Risk Management in all legitimate judo programs offered in Canada. The “Rule of Two” is an integral part of the Judo Canada Code of Conduct that applies to all Coaches, Instructors, Volunteers and Staff involved in any judo event in Canada or any event abroad under the jurisdiction of Judo Canada or an associated Provincial/Territorial association or club.

## **Application**

The Rule of Two is the requirement for at least two adults to be within the field of view and within earshot of one another when interacting with youth.

For a purpose of this policy, an “adult” is defined as a person 18 year of age and older.

Important information: By signing Judo Canada’s Code of Conduct, all Adult Instructors, Coaches, Assistants, Volunteers and parents of children and youth participating in judo activities, agree to respect Judo Canada published guidelines and procedures, to ensure positive and safe judo experience for all participants. This includes the Rule of Two.

In circumstances, where one of the two required Adults is unable to attend a training session/event/meeting/activity/travel, another qualified Adult should be recruited to take his/her place. The majority of judo programs in Canada for children and youth offer parents of participants an observation place within the training area or the event. One of the observing parents should be informed of and consent to act in the “second” adult capacity for the duration of the event. It is recommended that such an Adult has completed the Background Screening.

NCCP Assistants, Instructors and Coaches “in training” who are 18 years old and older and are appointed to positions of responsibility such as Coaches, Instructors, Assistants, Managers or Supervisors are eligible to fulfill the “Rule of Two” requirement as long as they have completed the screening and training requirements set in the National Coaching Certification Program.

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