

HIGHLANDER AQUATICS

Locker Room Monitoring Policy

PURPOSE

The following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy and reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas.

FACILITIES

The pool house at Highlander Aquatics has both an open and a closed changing area for swimmers. Please be aware that non-swim team members may also use these areas, which include locker rooms and restrooms.

MONITORING

Coaches and staff make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice and competition. If the athlete does not return in a timely fashion, coaches or staff will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

Parents are discouraged from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent. If this is necessary, parents should let the coach or administrator know about this in advance. If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of eight), or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, parents must notify the coach or an administrator beforehand that the athlete will need assistance.

While constant monitoring inside locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make swimmers uncomfortable and may even place staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. A sweep of locker rooms and changing areas takes place before athletes arrive. A staff member, coach, parent, or other adult is posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use and leaves the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible. A staff member, coach, parent, or other adult conducts regular sweeps inside locker rooms as well, with women checking on female locker rooms and men checking on male locker rooms.

USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

Cell phones and other devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras, and video cameras, increase the risk of different forms of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas. The USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies prohibit the use of such devices in locker rooms or other changing areas: 305.3 Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms.