



RIPTIDES SWIM TEAM (AQUA) - LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY

PURPOSE

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

FACILITIES

The following is a description of our practice and competition facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use:

- The Riptides Swim Team practices at the Aquaventure Aquatics Campus.
- This location has combined bathroom, locker room, showers, and changing areas, one each for male and female use. The lockers may be locked with your own lock. All lockers must be emptied at the end of practice.

MONITORING

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

We discourage parents 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, then we ask that parents use the family restrooms located adjacent to the lobby.

POLICY DURING PRACTICES

AQUA has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the practice timespan. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended course of time. While we do not post [staff, coach, parent, other adult] inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. [Staff, coach, parent, other adult] conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

POLICY DURING MEETS

Locker room and changing facilities during and while at meet venues are managed by the host team and follow USA and NC Swimming rules and regulations and are as follows:

- The assigned staff, parents, coaches or officials will conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before athletes arrive.
- An assigned parent or official will be posted at the entrance of the facilities inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas and will make occasional sweeps of these areas. The sweeps are conducted, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.
- In many venues where restroom facilities are separate from changing facilities, the host team may bar or prohibit parents and guardians from entering the changing facilities.
- At venues where the changing facilities are publicly shared, additional monitoring is put in place and with more frequent sweeps.

USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE RECORDING DEVICES

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras increase the risk for different forms of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas. The USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies prohibit the use of such devices in the locker room or other changing area:

305.3 *Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms or locker room.*