

## 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: We practice at: Hendrix WAC pool. This location has separate male and female locker rooms with private showers and toilets. A changing area is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Aquakids in the changing area around the time of practice.

**MONITORING General Policy Considerations** 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. [www.usaswimming.org/protect](http://www.usaswimming.org/protect) 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 let the coach or an administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete. Aquakids has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. 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 adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas

**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 rooms.

**MISCONDUCT** Aquakids prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing as described in the SafeSport documentation. Participants, employees, or volunteers of Aquakids may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or behavior that violates USA Swimming and Safe Sport policies. Any violation of the minor athlete abuse prevention policies will be reported to USA Swimming and other appropriate authorities.