

SWIM FLORIDA 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: Ft. Myers Aquatic Center, FGCU, Cypress High School, North High School, Riverdale High School ,Lehigh Community Pool ,Cape High School, Golden Gate Community Pool .

These locations have: A changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Swim Florida in the changing area around the time of practice.

If at any time there is an unsafe or misconduct episode in a locker room the athlete must report to the coach in charge.. The coach then will be addressing the issue of the person creating an unsafe or misconduct episode. If it is a server issue this person will be asked to leave and the unsafe or misconduct episode will be reported to our **SAFE SPORT COORDINATOR**.

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.

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.

Swim Florida has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., immediately before and following practices and meets). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas. While constant monitoring inside of 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 our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion.

We conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before athletes arrive, post [staff, coach, parent, other adult] directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use, and leave the doors open only when adequate

