

# **RAMS SWIM CLUB LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY**

## **PURPOSE**

Rams Swim Club (RSC) uses the following guidelines to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas. This policy is in accordance with the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) issued by USA Swimming.

## **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: Southeast Polk High School Pool

This location has: A changing area and locker rooms dedicated to our swimmers.

## **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/she will be helping the athlete.

RSC 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.

Board members, coaches and other parents are allowed to conduct same-sex locker room sweeps during practices and meets. RSC recommends that a coach or board member accompany another adult while conducting a locker room sweep.

### **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 (Article 305.3) prohibit the use of such devices in the locker room or other changing areas. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal from the premises and possible disciplinary action by USA Swimming.

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