



Locker Room & Changing 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.

Monitoring:

Spokane Sea Serpents 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. Only same gender coaches should enter the locker rooms. 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. Spokane Sea Serpents 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, coaches, parents, other adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we may make occasional sweeps of these areas.

- **Undress**

An unrelated Applicable Adult must not expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to a minor athlete under any circumstance. An unrelated Applicable Adult must not request an unrelated minor athlete to expose the minor athlete's breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to the unrelated Applicable Adult under any circumstance.

- **One-on-One Interactions**

Except for athletes on the same team or athletes attending the same competition, at no time are unrelated Applicable Adults permitted to be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area, except under emergency circumstances. If the organization is using a facility that only has a single locker room or changing area, separate times for use by Applicable Adults must be designated. Spokane Sea Serpents will make every effort must be made to recognize when a minor athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice and competition, and, if the minor athlete does not return in a timely fashion, to check on the minor athlete's whereabouts.

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. At ALL USA Swimming sanctioned meets, the CAMERA FREE ZONE is in effect. No person may use a camera or any other device capable of recording still or video images in the area behind the blocks, in the locker rooms, changing areas, showers or restrooms. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event. At ALL practices and USA Swimming Sanctioned events, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in the locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is prohibited.