



VELOCITY SWIMMING SHARED USE FACILITY LOCKER ROOM 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:

1. Eastmont Aquatic Center (EAC)

This Facility has a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Velocity Swimming in the changing area around the time of practice.

2. James Elwyn Aquatic Center (WHS)

This facility has a changing area that is shared with other high school user groups. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Velocity Swimming in the changing area around the time of practice.

3. City of Wenatchee Pool (COW)

This facility has a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Velocity Swimming in the changing area around the time of practice. Additionally, parents and coaches must walk through the locker rooms to access the pool deck during practice times.

MONITORING

General Policy Considerations

- a. 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.
- b. 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 know about this in advance.**
- c. 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 know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete.



- d. Velocity Swimming 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 an extended course of time. While we do not post staff, coaches, or parents inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, the facility staff (lifeguards) do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Unless there is an extreme emergency, the staff conducting these sweeps will have women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

Velocity Swimming Additional Policy Information:

Athletes shall NOT leave any possessions inside the locker rooms for ANY reason during practice. All backpacks, clothing, gear, etc. need to be brought out to the pool deck during practice. Athletes are not to utilize lockers, benches, or anything else in the locker rooms to store their personal belongings during practice. They must leave everything on deck while they are practicing.

The staff, employees and members of Velocity Swimming, the City of Wenatchee, the Wenatchee School District, and Eastmont Parks District are NOT responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items left unattended in the locker rooms before, during, or after an athlete's scheduled practice time.

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. Athletes - if you see something, say something. Do not be part of the problem. Cell phones should remain inside backpacks, pockets, etc. at ALL TIMES in the locker rooms. Please tell an adult/coach if you see a cell phone in view (for ANY reason) in the locker room.