

# **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: Sachs Recreation Center, Deerfield High School, Highland Park High School, Deerspring Pool, and Mitchell Pool. These locations all have: Changing areas that are shared with the general public. Deerfield High School, Highland Park High School, and Deerspring Pool will be close the locker rooms off when we are using these facilities to just our athletes.

#### **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. Parents and guardians are not allowed in the athlete locker rooms for any reason. 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, and the private changing area will be found and used. COHO 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 adult] inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas if needed. [Staff or coach] conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

# **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: Article 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. Note: We practice at a public facility, we are not able to control the general public regarding cell phone and mobile recording devices. We are however still going to enforce these rules for our swimmers and parents in accordance with rule 305.3 or the USA Swimming Rule Book. In the private locker rooms provided for our athletes this should never become an issue. Parents and guardians please go over this with your swimmers.

## **MISCONDUCT**

If misconduct were to occur, a meeting would be scheduled with an accused offender and family to discuss consequences that may include suspension from the club, removal from the club, and or contacting law enforcement. Any actions warranting a report to the U.S. Center for Safe Sport and or law enforcement will include automatic suspension from the team while investigations are carried out.