

WRIGHT COUNTY WAVE SWIM CLUB LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY

(As of 1/1/2018)

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.

FACILITY

Wright County Wave Swim Club athletes practice at the Buffalo Community Middle School Pool. This location has changing areas that are shared with the public and children in other youth sports. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with the Wright County Wave Swim Club in the locker rooms around the time of practice.

MONITORING

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.

Wright County Wave Swim Club 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 adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Staff will conduct these sweeps.

Wright County Wave Swim Club is not responsible for lost or stolen items from the locker rooms. If your swimmer intends to leave items in the locker rooms, please bring your own combination lock to use.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES & BEST PRACTICES

- Check that the coach is at the pool before you leave your child for practice (not more than 15 minutes before the start of practice).
- Pick your child up no later than 15 minutes after their practice has ended.
- The bleachers are always open for parents to observe practice and meets.
- Be sure to let your swimmer know your whereabouts during practice, how they might contact you and where you will pick them up after practice.

SWIMMER RESPONSIBILITIES & BEST PRACTICES

- Locker rooms are a no cell phone area. Do not take your cell phones for any reason while in the locker rooms.
- Have a fellow swimmer (buddy system) with you in the locker room.
- If there is anyone ever in the locker room and you feel uncomfortable, leave the locker room immediately with your "buddy" and notify a coach.
- Never leave another swimmer alone in the locker room, wait for them and leave together.

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES & BEST PRACTICES

- Arrive at practice 15 minutes prior to the start of practice.
- Notify and educate athletes on locker room use.
- Respond to any athlete's locker room concerns.
- Perform periodic locker room sweeps for safety and locker room etiquette.