

Fort Leavenworth Lancers **Parent and Caretaker Observation Policy**

The Fort Leavenworth Lancers Coaches and Board Members take a great responsibility for the safety of our swimmers. To that end, the board and coaching staff have implemented this policy to set conditions, in line with safe-sport practices, for observation of practice for parents and caretakers. Board Members and Coaches will use common sense and consistent application of USA Swimming Safe Sport Policies for the protection of all swimmers, volunteers, and spectators during practices and team events.

Observation Area. Fort Leavenworth Lancer practices can be viewed **ONLY** from the observation room. Bleachers on the deck are only for swimmers.

Parents and Caretakers may enter the facility on-deck area from the east pool entrance to quickly help swimmers prior to the start of practice and gather belongings after practice has finished. While practice is in progress, the observation policy applies.

Additional Requirements during Facility Use. The following key points highlight acceptable behaviors to facilitate a safe environment for our swimmers.

- 1) No cameras (including cell phone cameras) or other recording devices are allowed behind the blocks at any time.
- 2) Locker rooms will be utilized by swimmers only. Parents, caretakers, and observers must use the family bathroom located in the observation room.
- 3) On-deck distractions are a safety concern for our swimmers and coaches. Coaches will use discretion to excuse observers from the deck area due to safety concerns for our coaches or swimmers. *[Reference FTLL Team Policies: Parent Code of Conduct. [Fort Leavenworth Lancers Swim Team - Team Policies](#)]*
- 4) Parents and Caretakers may only use the observation room, and observation room bathroom. The remainder of Harney Gym (to include the front desk observation area) is off-limits when the facility is closed.

Safe Sport Club Recognition. The USA Swimming Safe Sport Club Recognition program allows a USA Swimming member club to demonstrate its commitment to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members through the development and implementation of club governance measures, Safe Sport policies and reporting mechanisms, Safe Sport best practices and training to athletes and parents.

In addition to the parents completing the [Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport](#), we encourage eligible swimmers ages 13-17 to complete [SafeSport for Youth Athletes \(13-17\)](#). Completion of this training qualifies your family account for 2 volunteer hours per course and contributes to club recognition.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the safety and welfare of the Lancer Team!

This policy is effective 1 August 2025.