



## 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 facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use:

We practice at: Mexico YMCA  
1127 Adams St.  
Mexico, MO 65265

This location has two separate, gender-specific, locker room facilities.

Each locker room has:

A separate shower/locker room/changing area/restroom that is shared with swim team members, their families, and other YMCA members.

### **MONITORING**

Coaches and staff make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice 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. There are private changing stalls in the women's locker room and private stalls in the men's locker room to utilize if a same-sex parent needs to assist their child with his or her uniform or gear, for example. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent.

If a swim team 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 administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete.

Mexico Marlins has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g. immediately before and following practices). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas. While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make swimmers uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. While

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we do not post designated monitors inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Staff, coaches, parents, or other adults 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:

*305.3 Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms.*