

## AQST LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY



The following is a model procedure provided to assist USA Swimming member clubs who wish to develop a locker room monitoring procedure. Locker room monitoring policies are not required by the Safe Sport Program, but clubs who wish to implement one may use the following as a resource.

**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: Bismarck Aquatic and Wellness Center.

This location has: male and female locker rooms that are shared with the public as well as a few small changing rooms but those are generally for the public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with AQUASTORM in the changing area around the time of practice.

**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.

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. <sup>2</sup> [www.usaswimming.org/protect](http://www.usaswimming.org/protect) 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.

AQUASTORM 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. [Staff, coach, parent, other adult] 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, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Persons associated with the team found in violation of the policy would need to meet with the board of directors and would lose their locker room privileges for the remainder of the season and must change in one of our small changing rooms which are next to the locker room. Repeated offenses would mean being dismissed from the team.