



LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

- I. **Requirement to Use Locker Room or Changing Area**
The designated locker room or changing area must be used when an athlete or Adult Participant changes, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit (e.g., deck changing is prohibited).
- II. **Observable and Interruptible**
All In-Program Contact between Adult Participants and Minor Athletes in a locker room, changing area or similar space must be observable and interruptible, except:
 - a. In emergency circumstances;
 - b. A Dual Relationship exists; and/or
 - c. The Close-In-Age exception applies.
- III. **Private or Semi-Private Space for Minor Athletes**
Organization must provide a private or semi-private place for Minor Athletes that need to change clothes or undress at Events or Facilities Under Partial or Full Jurisdiction of Organization.
- IV. **Use of Recording Devices**
Use of any device's (including a cell phone's) recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras in locker rooms, changing areas, or similar spaces by a Minor Athlete or an Adult Participant is prohibited.
- V. **Undress**
Adult Participants must not remove their clothes or behave in a manner that intentionally or recklessly exposes his or her breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to a Minor Athlete under any circumstance. An Adult Participant must not request a Minor Athlete to expose the Minor Athlete's breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to the Adult Participant under any circumstance. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to areas of the body exposed while wearing swimwear which conforms to the current concept of the appropriate for the individual's competition category.
- VI. **Showers**
 - a. Adult Participants must not shower with Minor Athletes unless:
 - i. The Adult Participant meets the Close-in-Age Exception; and/or
 - ii. The shower is part of a pre- or post-activity rinse while wearing swimwear.
 - b. Parents/legal guardians may request in writing that their Minor Athlete(s) not change or shower with Adult Participants during In-Program Contact. Organization must abide by such a request.
- VII. **Monitoring**
Organization must regularly and randomly monitor the use of locker rooms and changing areas to ensure compliance with this Policy. Locker rooms and changing areas may be monitored by use of the following methods:
 - a. Conducting a sweep of the locker room or changing area before athletes arrive;
 - b. Posting staff directly outside the locker room or changing area during periods of use;
 - c. Leaving the doors open when adequate privacy is still possible; and/or
 - d. Making occasional sweeps of the locker rooms or changing areas with women checking on female locker rooms and men checking on male locker rooms.

Every effort must be made to recognize when a Minor Athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice and competition, and, if the Minor Athlete does not return in a timely fashion, to check on the Minor Athlete's whereabouts.
- VIII. **Media and Championship Celebrations in Locker Rooms**
Organization may permit recording or photography in locker rooms to highlight a sport or athletic accomplishment if:
 - a. Parent/legal guardian consent has been obtained, when possible; and
 - b. Organization approves the specific instance of recording or photography; and
 - c. Two or more Adult Participants are present; and
 - d. Everyone is fully clothed.

[Recommended] If a parent/legal guardian enters a locker room or changing area, it must only be a parent/legal guardian of the same competition category and the parent/legal guardian should notify a coach or administrator in advance.