

MAKO Aquatic Club

Locker Room Monitoring Procedure

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the safety, privacy, and protection of all MAKO Aquatic Club athletes. Locker rooms and changing areas require clear policies and supervision in accordance with USA Swimming's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP).

General Guidelines

- Locker rooms are designated for athletes only.
- Parents are discouraged from entering locker rooms unless it is necessary to assist their own child (e.g., young athletes who cannot change independently).
- Coaches and team staff will only enter locker rooms when necessary for safety, health, or compliance reasons.
- MAKO coaches and designated adult chaperones will conduct regular, random checks of locker rooms before, during, and after practices or competitions.
- Monitoring will be done in a way that respects athlete privacy, such as knocking before entry and announcing presence.
- Coaches and staff are prohibited from lingering in locker rooms unless required for supervision or safety concerns.
- Photography, videography, or use of recording devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and changing areas.
- Team-provided devices (such as phones or tablets for coaching) are not to be used in locker rooms.

Misconduct Handling

Immediate Response: The staff member will intervene promptly to stop the behavior, ensuring safety first. If necessary, the athlete(s) involved will be removed from the locker room to de-escalate the situation.

Documentation: The incident will be documented in writing, including date, time, individuals involved, witnesses, and description of the behavior.

Notification: Parents/guardians of the athlete(s) involved will be notified as soon as possible. The Club Safe Sport Coordinator and Head Coach will be informed immediately. If required, the incident will be reported to USA Swimming and/or law enforcement, in compliance with mandatory reporting laws.

Disciplinary Action: Misconduct will be addressed according to the MAKO Code of Conduct and USA Swimming policies. Consequences may include verbal warnings, removal from practice, suspension, or permanent dismissal from the club, depending on the severity of the misconduct.

Education and Prevention

All athletes, parents, and staff will be regularly reminded of locker room expectations. MAKO Aquatic Club will review this policy annually and update it as required by USA Swimming and MAAPP.