



Locker Room Monitoring Policy

PURPOSE

The following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy and 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 The Skagit Valley Family YMCA

This location has: a men's and women's Locker room and single-use family restrooms

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. 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. If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of six), 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.

POLICY

The Skagit Valley YMCA Aquatics Swim Team has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. Therefore, it is 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 adults] inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. [Staff, coach, parent, 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, 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 areas:

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