

Locker Room Monitoring Procedure Mission Viejo Nadadores

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: Marguerite Aquatics Complex (Full-time); 27474 Casta Del Sol, #2, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. There are 3 pools within this complex.

These locations have: A locker room area that's shared with USAS non-members at our main competition pool and two single-use restrooms in our teaching pool area. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with USA Swimming in the changing area around the time of practice.

MONITORING

General Policy - 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.

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 and they will be directed to our single-use restrooms at our teaching pool.

Mission Viejo Nadadores has predictable use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., immediately before and following practices and meets). 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.

Mission Viejo Nadadores has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It's 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 during practice times, 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.

Coaches and non-athlete members during the bulk of practice times are directed by the Mission Viejo Nadadores to utilize single-use restrooms in our teaching pool areas and away from athletes and non-USAS members.

Misconduct in the locker room is to be addressed immediately through a parent meeting and further action may be required.

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:

Article 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.