

## **Locker Room Monitoring Procedure**

Blue Marlins Aquatic Club have 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 allow coaches, or team parents inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Coaches, or a team parent, conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

Locker rooms doors are propped open at all times as there is no visual access to the locker rooms with doors opened. 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.

The Blue Marlins Aquatic Club and The Vanguard School are not responsible for the loss, theft, damage, or destruction of any personal property. Please secure your items appropriately.

### **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:

**Pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 305.3, use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.**

### **REPORTING PROCEDURE**

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Any misconduct identified in the locker room will be addressed following these steps:

- If you are aware or concerned about any locker room misconduct, please contact [safesport@usaswimming.org](mailto:safesport@usaswimming.org) at the National Office or complete the online reporting form.
- An LWBM Club coach will try to identify what the problem or misconduct was.
- The LWBM Coach will talk to the athlete and his/her parents.
- If the situation involves more than one athlete, the LWBM Coach will have a conversation with all parties involved.
- If identified as necessary, a report to USA safesport will be made by the coach.

There is no express time limit for initiating a complaint under this procedure, but every effort should be made to bring the complaint to the attention of the appropriate club leadership as soon as possible to make sure that memories are fresh and behavior can be accurately recalled and the bullying behavior can be stopped as soon as possible.