

# **TIGARD TUALATIN SWIM CLUB LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY**

## **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 the Tigard Swim Center and the Tualatin Swim Center.

These locations have a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with TTSC in the changing area.

Therefore: TTSC is not responsible for personal belongings or valuables left unsecured in the locker rooms or lockers. If athletes wish to lock their valuables in a locker, the athletes will need to bring their own locks. (note: If athletes bring their own lock it must be removed when they depart the facilities.)

Any items left in the locker rooms may be considered abandoned property and may be turned into lost & found at the front desk of each facility.

**Requirement to Use Locker Room or Changing Area:** The designated locker room or changing area must be used when an athlete or Applicable Adult changes, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit (e.g. deck changing is prohibited).

**Undress:** An unrelated Applicable Adult must not expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to a minor athlete under any circumstance. An unrelated Applicable Adult must not request an unrelated minor athlete to expose the minor athlete's breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to the unrelated Applicable Adult under any circumstance.

**One on One Interactions:** Except for athletes on the same team or athletes attending the same competition, at no time are unrelated Applicable Adults permitted to be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area, except under emergency circumstances.

**Legal Guardians in Locker Rooms or Changing Areas:** Legal guardians are discouraged from entering locker rooms and changing areas. If a legal guardian does enter a locker room or changing area, it must only be a same-sex legal guardian and the legal guardian should notify a coach or administrator in advance

## **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 and, if they do not return in a timely fashion, we will check on the athlete's whereabouts, but parents have been made aware of the fact the coaches are only responsible for swimmers when they are on deck, and it is the parents decision to leave the swimmer attended or unattended at the pool.

TTSC has 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 post TTAD staff, TTSC coaches, parents, or other adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. TTAD Staff, TTSC coaches, parents, or other adults may 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, 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:

***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.*

Any locker room misconduct will be dealt with by the coaching staff immediately. Coaches will maintain a zero tolerance policy regarding misconduct in the locker rooms, which will be dealt with by sending the swimmer home for the day and immediate follow up contact with a parent or guardian and the team's Safe Sport Coordinator. Depending on the severity of the issue, additional disciplinary action may be taken.