

**PENN TRAFFORD AQUA CLUB
LOCKER ROOM 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: **Penn Trafford High School, 3381 Route 130, Harrison City, PA 15636**

This location has a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Penn Trafford Aqua Club in the changing area around the time of practices or meets.

MONITORING

Coaches and staff make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practices and competitions and, if they do not return in a timely fashion, we will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

Penn Trafford Aqua Club 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 staff, coaches, parents, other adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Coaches 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.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Although occasional sweeps of the locker room and changing areas are made, Penn Trafford Aqua Club strongly suggests that all athletes take their personal belongings with them after changing and leave said belongings on a bench located on the pool deck or in the possession of a parent during practices and meets. All belongings left unattended in the locker rooms or changing areas are left at risk and Penn Trafford Aqua Club is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of any personal property. Money and items of value should be left at home or left in the possession of a parent to avoid loss or theft.