



LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY

The following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas.

MONITORING

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.

BBSC has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., immediately before and following practices and meets). It is not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas as coaches must remain on deck for most times BBSC occupies the pool building. 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 coaches and parent members at risk for unwarranted suspicion. We conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before athletes arrive, leave the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible, and when appropriate, sweep the locker rooms after athletes leave.

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 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 that he or she will be helping the athlete.

When necessary, coaches will enter locker rooms to intervene when athlete behavior necessitates. Athletes may be asked to dress and leave the locker room promptly without showering or further delay if deemed appropriate. Athletes who repeatedly are asked to change locker room behavior or violate any BBSC or USA swimming athlete conduct policies will be asked to use separate changing facilities or change at home. Serious violations of athlete conduct policies will result in further action by BBSC coaches and/or the BBSC Board of Directors.

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.