



## **CBS BLUEFINS SWIM TEAM LOCKER ROOM & MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

The CBS Bluefins Executive has adopted this policy concerning locker rooms and locker room monitoring procedure. Locker room policies are not required by Swim NL but the CBS Bluefins Swim Team has determined it to be a best practice to implement one. The policy must be reviewed with and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults affiliated with the club. CBS Bluefins Swim Team has not encountered locker room problems in the past, but this policy is intended to be proactive and to avoid a reactive situation, and parents should understand CBS Bluefins locker room availability.

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### **PURPOSE**

The following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct or poor perceptions of CBS Bluefin Swim Team, its swimmers, coaches and volunteers in locker rooms and changing areas.

### **FACILITIES**

The following is a description of our practice/competition facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use:

We practice at the CBS Swimming Pool. There are public restrooms accessible in the main lobby and upstairs outside the viewing area. The use of public restrooms is intended for parents, visitors, and the general public. Swimmers are asked not to use the public restrooms except in the event of emergency. The public restrooms are shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with CBS Bluefins Swim Team in these restrooms around the time of practice. Families should consider this aspect at all times since we know that siblings (often times younger ones) will accompany a parent to practice.

Swimmers should utilize the locker rooms for changing. The locker rooms are situated on each side of the Lobby into the pool deck and from the pool deck, on each side of the family change room. Entry to the locker rooms is available from the hallway and from the pool deck. Each locker room contains stalls (and urinals for men), sink areas, and showers. We do not provide locks, towels, soap or other bathing items.

Our swimmers will use these locker rooms regularly, however swimmers should keep in mind they are not the only ones in these rooms. The locker rooms are changing areas for individuals and families. Swimmers' use of locker rooms is intended to be swift. Get in and get on deck, or get in and get out to travel home. Swimmers' lingering in the locker rooms will be encouraged to speed things along not only for their own benefit.



**MONITORING**

CBS Bluefins Swim Team DOES NOT monitor locker rooms through the stationing of an individual in the locker rooms. CBS Bluefins Swim Team does not promise or warrant that the locker rooms are secure from theft or that articles will not be lost. Swimmers should only come to practice with their swim gear when possible. Locks are advisable for older swimmers who may often bring valuables to practice. Locks may only remain on a locker during the time of practice. Please insure that your child knows how to use his or her lock. Lockers must remain available for other patrons of the CBS Pool.

**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.

CBS Bluefins Swim Team prohibits the use of mobile devices with recording capability in locker rooms. This absolutely applies to cell phones even if the person is not using the photo, video or other recording device. Please understand that the actual use of a photo, video or other recording device can violate policies and lead to serious consequences. Your child should be specifically advised that cell phones are not things that they require at practice. Further, if they bring one it needs to be locked in a locker and it needs to remain in a gym bag or pocket the entire time until that swimmer leaves the locker room. In order to avoid difficulty with this policy, please insure that all swimmers are aware NOT to use any function on any mobile or recording device whatsoever while in a locker room.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_