

The USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy (MAAPP) has five parts.

This resource is intended to provide information regarding implementing the Locker Rooms and Changing Areas section of the policy.

Berkeley Barracuda Locker Rooms and Changing Areas

Berkeley adheres to USA Swimming SafeSport Program as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, Berkeley has adopted the following locker room policies. These policies are designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms.

Locker rooms and changing areas are private and enclosed spaces in which abuse can occur. To prevent abuse of minor athletes in these private areas, this section of the MAAPP is intended to keep Applicable Adults from being present in a locker room or changing area at the same time as minor athletes.

Please note that Adult Athletes are Applicable Adults. It is important for adult athletes to carefully read and understand their responsibilities under this section. Please read every point carefully to avoid confusion.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE RECORDING DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND REPORTING

Berkeley prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Swimming SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Swimming SafeSport Policies. Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email USA Swimming at Safesport@usaswimming.org or may call (720) 524-5640.

Berkeley will adhere to and enforce these policies.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the word “expose” mean in Section III?

A: Expose means a purposeful showing of private parts or being bare skinned for an abnormal amount of time while changing. Adult athletes should be thoughtful to turn their bodies away and shield their private parts from minor athletes while changing.

Q: Does this policy only apply to locker rooms at competitions?

A: No. MAAPP applies to any and all locker rooms or changing areas used by Applicable Adults and minor athletes in connection to USA Swimming activities such as practice, competition, camps, etc. Q:

Does this policy mean that athletes over the age of 18 cannot share a locker room or changing area with teammates under the age of 18?

A: No. Unrelated Applicable Adults must not be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area except for athletes on the same team and athletes attending the same competition.

Q: Can U.S. Masters Swimming (“USMS”) members use a locker room at the same time as minor athletes?

A: An unrelated Applicable Adult must not be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area. If a USMS swimmer meets the definition of an Applicable Adult, then the Applicable Adult must not be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area. MAAPP would not prohibit an Applicable Adult, or Applicable Adult(s) from sharing a locker room or changing area with minor athletes so long as the Applicable Adult is not alone in the locker room or changing area with a minor athlete.

Q: Can an athlete deck change?

A: NO. Deck changing is prohibited under USA Swimming rules and by MAAPP. UPDATED QUESTIONS (June 13, 2019)

Q: If the club or LSC is using a public facility, how can the club or LSC ensure compliance with this section of MAAPP?

A: MAAPP only applies to Applicable Adults and does not extend to the general public. Only Applicable Adults are required to adhere to MAAPP.

Q: If two teams use the same practice facility, can the adult athletes from one team share a locker room or changing area with minor athletes from another team?

A: Yes. Athletes from two teams sharing a practice facility would be treated similarly to athletes on the same team.