

Safe Sport Locker Room Monitoring procedure

The Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes practices at the Dubuque Community School Aquatic Center; this facility provides the ability to designate athletes only changing/locker rooms during practice and meets.

Parents and athletes are provided information regarding policies including the locker room policy during registration. These policies are also reviewed during parent/athlete orientation and can easily accessed on the DASH website. Parents and athletes are expected to follow the policy and are encouraged to report any misconduct which may occur to a coach, board member, safe sport officer or directly to safe sport (contact information is located on the DASH website). Violation of the policy may result in suspension of practice, suspension from meets, expulsion from the team and/or criminal charges.

Practice:

The changing areas at DCSD Aquatic Center are accessed only by athletes during practice. Parents and the public are not allowed on deck during practice and have a designated restroom in the building. The athlete changing room entrance is located on deck with the doors visible from anywhere on the deck. This design allows coaches to monitor which athletes are coming in and out of the changing rooms. The changing area only accommodates room enough for a few swimmers to change, one toilet and one shower, limiting how many athletes are in the changing area at a time. Staggered practice times reduce the amount of incidences in which the older swimmers and the younger swimmers access the changing rooms at the same time. Coaches and parents use a separate restroom located in the school. At the end of practice coaches check to assure all swimmers have left the changing area before locking the pool.

Meets:

During DASH hosted meets only athletes, coaches, refs and volunteers are allowed on deck. The on deck changing areas are designated for coaches, refs and volunteers only and the larger school locker room is designated for the athletes only. While the entrance to the athlete locker rooms are not connected to the pool deck, access is easy from the pool deck for the athletes. The meet safety marshal monitors the area between the deck and locker room entrance regularly during meets but does not enter the locker rooms. Athletes are expected to adhere to DASH's locker room policy and are encouraged to report any misconduct which may occur in the locker room. The school's policy for locker room conduct is posted by the school outside the entrance to both male and female locker rooms and is compliant with DASH's locker room policy.

DASH's locker room policy:

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/iadash/page/policies--links/team-policies>