



LOCKER ROOM MONITORING 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:

HAC practices take place at Hershey VISTA School and the Derry Township Community Center (DTCC). The DTCC location has a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there may be people who are not associated with Hershey Aquatic Club (“HAC”) in the changing area around the time of practice. The VISTA School location has changing area that is for athletes only and not shared with the public or parents. As such, only the athletes should be in the changing area. At time, the coaches may use the changing area as long as athletes are not present in the changing area.

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.

Parents are prohibited from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is an emergency or truly necessary (e.g. a child’s disability warrants assistance). In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent. If this is necessary, parents must let the coach or administrator know about this in advance.

HAC has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing at various times. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended course of time. While we do not post coaches inside 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:

Article 305.3 Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms.