**BUFFALO AREA AQUATIC CLUB**

**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 facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use:

We practice at:

1. UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO ALUMNI ARENA: This location has a changing area that is shared with the entire University at Buffalo community. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with BAAC in the changing area.

2. SUNY BUFFALO STATE: This location has a changing area that is shared with the entire SUNY BUFFALO STATE community. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with BAAC 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, if they do not return in a timely fashion, they will check on the athlete’s whereabouts.

When necessary and appropriate, a same sex parent may enter the locker room to assist their child on an as needed basis.

BAAC has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this

extended period of time. While we do not post staff, coaches, parents, or other adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas.

Staff, coaches, parents, and other adults conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

**LOCKER ROOM RULES:**

1. No yelling, use your indoor voice.
2. No roughhousing or horseplay.
3. No offensive or foul language.
4. No bullying.
5. Use of the sauna is prohibited. Do NOT enter the sauna.
6. Keep your hands to yourself.
7. Use of audio or visual recording devices (including a cell phone camera) is prohibited. (USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies (Rule 305.3).

This policy will be enforced in accordance with the Athlete Code of Conduct.

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