

Bergen Barracudas Locker Room and Changing Areas Policy

Requirement to Use Locker Room or Changing Area

The designated locker room or changing area must be used when an athlete or Applicable Adult changes, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit (eg: deck changing is prohibited).

Use or Recording Devices

Use of any device's (including a cellphone's) recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras in locker rooms, changing area, or similar spaces by a minor athlete or an Applicable Adult is prohibited.

Undress

An unrelated Applicable Adult must not expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to a minor athlete under any circumstance. An unrelated Applicable Adult must not request an unrelated minor athlete to expose the minor athlete's breast, buttocks, groin or genitals to the unrelated Applicable Adult under any circumstances.

One on One Interactions

Except for athletes on the same team or athletes attending the same competition, at no time are unrelated Applicable Adults permitted to be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area, except under emergency circumstances. If the organization is using a facility that only has a single locker room or changing area, separate times for use by Applicable Adults must be designated.

Monitoring

Bergen Barracudas Swim Team Coaches must regularly and randomly monitor the use of locker rooms and changing areas to ensure compliance with this policy. Locker rooms and changing areas may be monitored by use of the following methods:

- a. Conducting a sweep of the locker room or changing area before athletes arrive;
- b. Posting staff directly outside the locker room or changing area during period of use;
- c. Leaving the doors open when adequate privacy is still possible; and/or
- d. Making occasional sweeps of the locker rooms or changing areas with women checking on female locker rooms and men checking on male locker rooms.

Every effort must be made to recognize when a minor athlete goes to the locker or changing area during practice and competition, and, if the athlete does not return in a timely fashion, to check on the minor athlete's whereabouts.

Legal Guardians in Locker Rooms or Changing Areas

Legal Guardians are discouraged from entering locker rooms and changing areas. If a legal guardian does enter a locker room or changing area, it must only be a same-sex legal guardian and the legal guardian should notify a coach or administrator in advance.