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## **Locker Room Monitoring Policy for the City Swim Project**

### **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**

There are multiple sites where the City Swim Project swim practices/lessons are held. The following is a description of our practice and competition facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use:

All of these locations have locker rooms and/or changing areas. Although each locker room is primarily used by the swim team during swim practices, there are no rules or regulations preventing the public (individuals not associated with the City Swim Project) from using the facilities.

### **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, will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

The Club has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., immediately before and following practices). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker rooms and/or changing areas. While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make swimmers uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. Only same gender coaches will enter locker rooms. Parents are encouraged NOT to enter the locker rooms to help follow the Safe Sport "Best Practices" guidelines.



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The City Swim Project conducts a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before athletes arrive.

#### **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:

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