



Locker Room Monitoring Policy

PURPOSE

As guided by USA Swimming guidelines and the Safe Sport initiative, the following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy as well as 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:

We practice at Hathaway Brown School.

This location has two locker rooms that are shared but limited to the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Blazing Barracudas in the changing areas around the time of practice, primarily from the KISS Swim program (families and young children).

MONITORING

General Policy Considerations

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.

Blazing Barracudas has predictable use of locker room spaces and changing areas. These areas are monitored via aquatics staff members. Parents are discouraged from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is an emergency and/or if the athlete's disability warrants assistance. Pre and post practices, the coaching staff sits outside the locker rooms to monitor who is entering and exiting and if an athlete needs any assistance or an emergency arises.

If a parent is entering the locker room, it should be discussed with the coaching staff prior to the parent entering the locker room and the parent should be of the same sex. The coaching staff holds discretion in this situation and the coach's word is final.

USE OF CELL PHONES AND 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 changing areas. The USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies prohibit the use of such devices in the locker rooms or changing areas.

For more information on Safe Sport visit: www.usaswimming.org/protect