

Approved Date:
Last Reviewed/Revised Date: 6/13/2019
Board President Signature:



**HOOD RIVER VALLEY SWIM TEAM
LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS 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.

This policy meets the intent and best practices of both USA Swimming and the US Center for Safe Sport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) with respect to locker rooms and changing rooms.

DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE ADULT: All USA Swimming non-athlete members and adult athlete members, participating non-members (for example, meet marshals, meet computer operators, timers, etc.), LSC and club adult staff, board members, and any other adult authorized to have regular contact with or authority over a minor athlete.

SECTION ONE: FACILITIES

- I. The Hood River Valley Swim Team practices at two locations. Both locations have male and female locker rooms available for use.
 - A. Hood River Aquatic Center
 - 1. Locker room is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with the Hood River Valley Swim Team in the changing area during the time of practice.
 - 2. Locker room entrance for each gender is from the main lobby of the facility.
 - 3. The only entrance to the pool deck for athletes and the general public is through the locker room.
 - 4. One family changing area exists on the pool deck but has no shower, restroom, or access to water.
 - B. North Wasco County Parks Aquatic Center
 - 1. Locker room is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with the Hood River Valley Swim Team in the changing area during the time of practice.
 - 2. Locker room entrance for each gender is from the main lobby of the facility.
 - 3. Spectators and Club staff may gain entry to the pool deck without passing through the locker rooms.

SECTION TWO: USE OF LOCKER ROOM

- I. The designated locker room or changing area must be used when an athlete or Applicable Adult changes, in whole or part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit.
- II. Deck changing is not permitted.
- III. An Applicable Adult must not expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to a minor athlete who is not related to the Applicable Adult under any circumstance unless the Applicable Adult is an athlete member of the same Club or attending the same competition.
- IV. An Applicable Adult must not request a minor athlete who is not related to the Applicable Adult to expose the minor athlete's breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to the unrelated Applicable Adult under any circumstance.
- V. For the purpose of this policy the definition of "expose" is the purposeful showing of private parts or being bare skinned for an abnormal amount of time while changing.

SECTION THREE: ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS

- I. Except for athletes on the same team or athletes attending the same competition, at no time are Applicable Adults permitted to be alone with a minor athlete who is not related to the Applicable Adult in a locker room or changing area, except under emergency circumstances.

SECTION FOUR: MONITORING

- I. The Club will regularly and randomly monitor the use of locker rooms and changing areas to ensure compliance with this policy.
- II. Coaches and other Applicable Adults will make every effort to recognize when an athlete enters the locker room or changing area during practice or competition and, if they do not return in a timely fashion, will request an Applicable Adult check on an athlete's whereabouts.
- III. Parents and legal guardians are discouraged from entering the shower and changing area of the locker rooms unless truly necessary. If entry must occur, only same-sex parents should proceed and should notify Club staff prior to entry.
 - A. If an athlete requires assistance with his or her swimming attire or gear, or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the Coach or other Club staff know beforehand that he or she will be assisting the athlete.
- IV. The Hood River Valley Swim Team has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms over this extended course of time.
 - A. While we do not post Club staff or Applicable Adults inside or at the doors of the locker rooms, we do make regular and random sweeps of these areas.
 - B. Sweeps will be conducted periodically by Club staff, other Applicable Adults, and lifeguards with women checking on female locker rooms and men checking on male locker rooms.
 - C. Doors to the male and female locker rooms are left open during times when athletes are in the facility.

SECTION FIVE: USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE RECORDING DEVICES

- I. 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.
- II. Use of the above listed items in a locker room or changing area by an athlete or Applicable Adult is strictly prohibited.