



AC SWIM CLUB

Petaluma

Locker Room Policy

The following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas.

AC Swim Club utilizes space at the Petaluma Swim Center, a facility owned by the City of Petaluma. This city owned location has a changing area that is shared with other USA Swimming Teams, United States Masters Swimming teams as well as the general public. As such, there may be people who are not associated with the AC Swim Club that utilize the changing area at the same time.

As a general policy, coaches 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.

Parents are discouraged from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent entering the locker room. If this is necessary, parents are requested to let the coach or administrator know about this in advance and are requested to be quick.

If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of eight), or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, then the same-sex parent may enter to help the athlete but not delay in the locker room. It is requested that the parents let the coach or an administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete. Applicable Adults as defined by MAAPP are not to be alone in the locker room with an athlete.

AC Swim Club has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing at various times. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended period of time. While coaches are not posted inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, occasional sweeps of these areas are made, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms. AC Swim Club maintains this same policy during meets and during swim lessons.

In accordance with Article 305.3 of the USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies, the use of cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, which increase the risk for different forms of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas, is prohibited in the locker room or other changing area.

As with all situations, members, parents and others are encouraged to communicate to a coach, swim instructor, or staff anything considered concerning. AC Swim Club strives to maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all athletes of any age.