



MSSC LOCKER ROOM MONITORING 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.

FACILITIES

The following is a description of our practice and competition facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use:

MSSC Practices are held at the Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex. This location has:

- 1 Women's locker room
- 1 Men's locker room
- 2 family changing rooms.

The locker rooms are shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Maryland Suburban Swim Club in the changing area around the time of practice.

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.

Parents should not enter the locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent entering from the hallway and entry should only be to the point where inquiry can be made as to the progress of the swimmer—typically a few feet inside the door. Please remain close to the door in order to respect swimmers' privacy. An opposite-sex parent needs to ask another parent to check on his/her child.

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 we ask that parents let the coach or an administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete.

MSSC has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended course of time. While we do not post [staff, coach, parent, other adult] inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, the facility staff makes occasional sweeps of these areas. Lifeguards or Aquatic Managers conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

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. Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex has a **no cell phone use** policy in place for all of their changing rooms. USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies also 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.

Please be sure your athlete is acquainted with this policy and adheres to it.