

SANTA BARBARA SWIM CLUB LOCKER ROOM MONITORING 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.

FACILITIES

We practice at Los Baños del Mar Pool. This location has both a men's locker room and women's locker room located at the far ends of the pool. These locker rooms have a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Santa Barbara Swim Club in the changing area around the time of practice.

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, we will check on the athlete's whereabouts. We discourage parents from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent. If this is necessary, parents should let the coach or administrator know about this in advance. 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.

POLICY - SBSC 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. When sharing the facility with non-SBSC users, swimmers will only use the locker rooms in pairs, using the "buddy system". While we do not post staff inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, lifeguards do make occasional sweeps of these areas. The facility staff 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. 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.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

SBSC is not responsible for the loss of personal property brought to any practice or competition. All instances of loss should be reported to the facility where loss took place. SBSC members are advised not to leave valuable property, particularly electronic devices in the locker room, unattended. We recommend that all backpacks and personal belongings are placed in an area visible to coaches and lifeguards on the deck. In event of inclement weather, we recommend that each swimmer carries a garbage bag in their backpack to place over their belongings while they are in the pool.