



## ***EAST COAST AQUATIC TEAM***

### **SAFE SPORT - LOCKER ROOM 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**

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

We practice at the Boys and Girls Club of Portsmouth Virginia. These locker rooms are solely used by the East Coast Aquatic Team.

#### **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.

ECAT has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the mornings and evenings. We encourage all athletes to inform the coaches if something is going on in the 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:

##### **If problems arise by the swimmers:**

-Depending on the issue, the coaches could have a meeting with the swimmer(s), parents could be notified, the use of the locker rooms could be limited to use while other swimmers are not present, suspension from the team, Dismissal from the team.

##### **If problems arise by the Parents:**

-Depending on the issue, the coaches could have a meeting with the parent(s), the use of the locker rooms could be limited to use while others are not present, suspension from the team, Dismissal from the team.