

YSF Swim Team 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: Each one of our YMCA locations has a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with the YSF Swim Team 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.

Parents are discouraged from entering the locker rooms. If an athlete needs assistance with their tech suits, family rooms are available. If this is necessary, parents should let the coach or administrator know about this in advance. YSF Swim Team 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 direct aquatics staff or coaches to monitor the locker rooms and changing areas, coaches and pool staff do make occasional sweeps of these areas. YMCA of South Florida conducts 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 areas:

***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.*

If there is misconduct in the locker rooms

The coach will interview individuals separately to determine what occurred. In some cases, a written report may be made and parents may be notified of what took place. Coaches will make every effort to educate swimmers on appropriate behavior and point out behavioral inconsistencies in accordance with our YSF Swim Team Athlete Code of Conduct as a guideline. **Possible consequences include suspension of use of locker rooms and/or suspension from the YSF Swim Team**