



Locker Room Monitoring Procedure

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: **Del Mar Swimming Pool/Hachar Swimming Pool**

Del Mar Swimming Pool: A separate women/men restroom/changing area. The restroom/changing area is not accessible to anyone outside of the athletes/coaches.

Hachar Swimming Pool: One restroom for both boys/girls/parents/coaches.

MONITORING

General Policy

When arriving coaches conduct a sweep of the restroom/changing area prior to the athlete's arrival.

Coaches and staff make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice, if they do not return in a timely fashion, we first send another minor athlete to check on the athlete's whereabouts and if necessary, send a coach to check.

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.

Laredo Vortex Aquatics does acknowledge each individual entering the restroom/changing area, and the main doors into the areas must remain open at all times. Laredo Vortex Aquatics cannot post staff inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, but we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Staff conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men

checking on male locker rooms. Staff conduct sweeps of the restroom/changing areas at the end of practice, as well.

Addressing Misconduct in the Locker Room

Any form of misconduct that occurs in the locker room should immediately be reported to the Head Coach of the group. For minor incidents, the coach will discuss the incident with all parties involved and invoke a warning. If the coach is notified that the misconduct has continued, the issue will be evaluated to a severity which invokes the Laredo Vortex Aquatics Grievance Policy and follows the protocols laid out within that policy.

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.*