



# **Puget Sound 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**

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

- Puget Sound Swim Club (PSSC) home pool for practices is the South Kitsap High School (SKHS) Pool
- PSSC competes at various pool locations located within Washington and the United States.

These locations have a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with Puget Sound Swim Club in the changing area around the time of practice.

## **MONITORING**

### **General Policy Considerations**

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

We discourage parents/guardians from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. If this is necessary, parents/guardians should escalate to a coach, board member or SKHS pool staff member for assistance.

If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of 8), or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents/guardians notify a coach, board member or SKHS pool staff member beforehand that the athlete needs assistance.

Note: the SKHS pool does have two private family bathrooms in the pool lobby area where athletes may change or get assistance from a parent/guardian.

Swimmers in the Adult Masters program (18 years +) may not use the same locker room as our youth swimmers. Adult Masters participants must utilize one of the two family bathrooms located in the SKHS Pool lobby area.

## **Policy**

Puget Sound Swim Club has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. Therefore it is not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended period of time. While we do not have (staff, coach, parents/guardians, other adults) inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas.

## **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 changing area:

Requirement 305.3: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms.