



Alamo Area Aquatics Association Locker Room Monitoring

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. **Failure to comply with the AAAA Locker Room Policy may result in temporary or permanent removal from the facility and/or club.**

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: Bill Walker Pool, Josh Davis Natatorium, and NEISD Sports Park.

Each of the above locations has designated locker rooms/restrooms for athletes.

Non-Athlete /Staff restrooms are provided as well at each of these locations.

MONITORING

General Policy Considerations

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 prohibit parents from entering locker rooms and changing areas designated for athletes unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent and that parent must obtain approval from their coach or administrative staff prior to entering.

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 so that approval can be documented.

Alamo Area Aquatics 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 post staff inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Lifeguard Staff and Coaching 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.*