

CB AQUATICS 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

It is the Central Bucks School District policy that at no time can an adult/parent be in any high school locker room.*

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

We practice at: CB South High School

This location has: A changing area and locker room available to swimmers which is shared with other high school student swimmers. As such, there are likely to be swimmers who are not associated with CB Aquatics in the changing area around the time of practice.

We practice at: CB East High School

This location has: A changing area and locker room available to swimmers which is shared with other high school student athletes. As such, there are likely to be other student athletes who are not associated with CB Aquatics in the changing area around the time of practice.

*Note that during swim lessons only, parents or guardians are permitted to assist their children under the age of seven in the locker rooms (locker room to be used is the locker room that matches the gender of the adult).

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, will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

Again, CB Aquatics **prohibits** parents from entering locker rooms and changing areas. For cases in which athletes need assistance with their uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of eight), or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, then we require that parents speak with a coach and the CB Aquatics Manager beforehand so we can ensure the public restrooms within the building can be made accessible. If you are to use the public restrooms, be sure your child understands the plan including where to meet you and that athletes must be fairly dry (not dripping) and wearing shoes to move from the pool to the restrooms. If you find that your child has been in the locker room for an extended period of time and you want to check on your athlete, approach a coach and ask that the coach check on your child's status in the locker room. Please show respect for other changing swimmers - do not open the door or hold open the door upon exit of another swimmer to look or call into the locker room.

While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make swimmers uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. Therefore, we conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before athletes arrive, in between practice groups when possible, when an issue arises, and at the end of practices with coaches checking the locker rooms that match their own gender. Coaches remind the swimmers often that if an issue arises in the locker room a swimmer should go get a coach. Please reinforce this procedure frequently with your swimmer.

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. CB Aquatics prohibits the use of such devices in locker rooms, rest rooms or other changing areas.