

Locker Rooms & Changing Area Guidelines

Facilities

The following is a description of our practice and competition facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use. TEAM SEA practices at the following facilities: Horlick High School, Park High School, Johnson Aquatic Center, Meadowbrook Country Club, Carthage College, and Sealed Air YMCA. These locations have changing areas that are shared with the general public (there are likely to be people who are not associated with TEAM SEA in the changing area).

Monitoring

During swim practice, TEAM SEA prohibits the use of the locker room facilities without the consent of the coaching staff. Access to the locker room is only permitted prior to and after a swimmer's designated practice time. 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 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.

Policy

TEAM SEA uses staggered practice times and therefore it is 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. While TEAM SEA coaches are on hand 15-minutes prior to and following practices, swimmers are left to their own faculties prior to and following practice once off the pool deck. At all locations, swimmers are instructed to leave their bags either locked in a locker, or bring their bags out onto the pool deck for safe keeping. TEAM SEA is not responsible for lost or stolen items taken from the locker room facilities. When notified of an issue taking place in the locker room, a coaching member of TEAM SEA will enter the locker room and mitigate the situation in accordance with the team and swimmer codes of conduct. Safe Sport and MAAPP guidelines will be followed at all times.

Use of cell phones and 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. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.