

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:

We practice at the Lander Community Pool, 450 South 9th Street, Lander, WY 82520

This location has a changing area that is open to the public. As such, there are likely to be people not associated with the Lander Swim Club in the changing areas at the time of practice.

MONITORING

Coaches and staff make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker rooms or bathrooms during practice and, if they do not return in a timely fashion (approximately 5 minutes), we will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

Athletes may arrive to practice no more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start. Athletes may not be on the pool deck without a coach or lifeguard present. Coaches will be in the pool area during this time. Coaches will check on the locker rooms at least once before and after practice. After practice is completed, athletes will have 15 minutes after they are excused from the hot tub to get dressed.

The Lander Swim Club has staggered practices, with different age groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor the locker rooms and changing areas over this extended course of time. While we do not post staff, coaches, or volunteers inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing area, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. A staff member or coach may make this sweep, with women checking on female locker rooms/changing areas, and men checking on male locker rooms/changing areas. If necessary, a parent may be asked to check on locker rooms, too.

We discourage parents from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it will be the same-sex parent. The Lander Community Pool allows children under the age of 5 of the opposite sex in locker rooms when being assisted by their parent or guardian. Children 5 years and older must use the gender appropriate locker room.

The bathrooms in the lobby are also accessible to the public and do not have any way to secure belongings. Therefore, using the bathrooms for changing, or for storing personal belongings is highly discouraged.

Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.

The Lander Community Pool and the Lander Swim Club are not responsible for the loss, theft, damage, or destruction of any personal property. Please secure your items appropriately.

Pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 305.3, use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms.