LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

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

CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM hosts camps and training sessions for athletes at third party locations throughout the year and for various sports activities.

These locations may have a changing area, locker room, or bathroom that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM at these locations. Covered Individuals are nevertheless required to abide by the Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies at such locations.

The facilities may differ from location to location. We will work with the local host location to provide as much information about the locker room, bathroom and changing areas as early as possible, and post that information as soon as it is available.

MONITORING

CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. While CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM does not generally post staff members inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, staff members do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Staff members conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female-designated areas and men checking on male-designated areas.

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.

CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM discourages parents from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent. If this is necessary, parents should let a CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM coach or staff person on site know about this in advance.

If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear or an athlete’s disability warrants assistance, then CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM asks that parents or guardians let an on-site coach or an administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete, and when. However, parents must still abide by all CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM policies regarding use of locker rooms, bathrooms, and changing areas, they may not be alone with unrelated athletes in such areas, and must abide by restrictions regarding female- and male-designated areas.

MIXED-GENDER TEAMS

CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM teams consists of athletes of different genders. Privacy rights must be given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Where possible, CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM has the male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single meeting space before the training session or team meeting. Once the event is finished, the athletes may come to one meeting room and then the male and female players proceed to their separate...
dressing rooms to undress and shower (separately), if available. If separate locker rooms are not available, then the athletes will take turns using the locker room to change.

**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. As a result, **THERE WILL BE NO USE OF A DEVICE’S RECORDING CAPABILITIES IN THE LOCKER ROOMS OR CHANGING AREAS.** Such devices should be left outside of the locker room in a secure area, vehicle or checked with a coach or adult volunteer.

**ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS**
Except for athletes on the same team, at no time are unrelated Covered Individuals permitted to be alone with a minor/ward athlete in a locker room or changing, except under emergency circumstances.

If **CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM** is using a facility that only has a single locker room or changing area, we will designate separate times for use by Covered Individuals, if any.

**UNDRESS**
Under no circumstances shall an unrelated Covered Individual intentionally expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals to an athlete.

**VIOLATIONS**
Violations of this policy must be reported to **CHAPTER NAME/ ACRONYM** pursuant to its Reporting Policy. Violations will be addressed under the Disciplinary Rules and Procedure and may result in the sanctions as set forth therein, including temporary or permanent suspension. **Some violations may constitute physical or sexual abuse that must be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities.**