

Ocean Pines Swim Team (OPST) Locker Room Use and 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.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

OPST makes use of the following two facilities for practices: Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool and Ocean Pines Swim and Raquet Club. They are open to the public for a portion of practice time; therefore, the following plan is in place:

- Swimmers are expected to come dressed for practice, and to change and shower at home.
- When pool is not open to the public, the building doors are locked.
- Safe Sport guidelines are posted in the facilities.

POLICIES

Coaches grant permission for an athlete to go to the bathroom/changing area during practices and if they do not return in a timely fashion, a coach will check on the athlete's whereabouts. Coaches will not enter the changing room but will call into the room for the swimmer. In an emergency, two coaches will enter the room to assist the athlete.

RESPECT THE RULES

- Voice, camera, and video recording devices including a cell phone are not allowed in the changing facility.
- Adults should never be alone in the changing room with a minor athlete.

REPORTING MISCONDUCT

- Report misconduct or rule violations to the head coach or facility management,
- Report abuse to local law enforcement, USA Swimming and contact the U.S. Center for Safe Sport to make a report. Call 833-5US-SAFE (587-7233) or use the online reporting form at <http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org/>. You can also text anonymously to 888-270-SWIM (7946).

IMPORTANT

Lack of adherence to this policy will not be tolerated. If any problems should arise or a concerning event occurs, athletes, parents and staff are encouraged to promptly notify a coach, parent, or board member so that it may be investigated and dealt with. The safety and wellbeing of all our team members is of the utmost importance and preserving that is a top priority.