PITTSBURG YMCA BARRACUDA'S SWIM TEAM LOCKER ROOM 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.

This location has Two separate, gender-specific, locker room/restroom facilities. Each locker room/restroom has:

1. A separate, shower/locker room/changing area that is shared with swim lesson students, swim lesson parents, lap swimmers, and YMCA members
2. A separate, restroom area that is shared with swim lesson students, swim lesson parents, coaches, swim lesson instructors, lap swimmers, and YMCA members

# 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, we will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

We discourage swim team parents from entering the locker room/changing area side during practice and meets unless it is truly necessary. There is a private changing stall in the women's restroom side and private toilet stalls in the men's restroom side to utilize if a same-sex parent needs to assist their child with his or her uniform or gear, for example. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent.

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ARE ALLOWED IN THE WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM. Boys 4 and under are ONLY allowed in the women's locker room under DIRECT and CONSTANT supervision of a related adult female or female caregiver. Boys over 4 may use the men's locker room.

NO UNATTENDED GIRLS ARE ALLOWED IN THE MEN'S LOCKER ROOM, AND NO GIRLS OVER 4

ARE ALLOWED IN THE MEN'S LOCKER ROOM. Girls 4 and under are ONLY allowed in the men's locker room under DIRECT and CONSTANT supervision of a related adult male or male caregiver. Girls over 4 may use the women's locker room.

If a swim team athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age six), or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach or an administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping the athlete.

YMCA has staggered swimming classes and swim practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It is therefore not practical to constantly monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended course of time. While we do not post designated monitors inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. Staff, coaches, parents, other adults conduct these sweeps, with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

# USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE RECORDING DEVICES

Use of any devices (including a cell phone's) recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras in locker rooms, changing areas is prohibited. NO VISIBLE CELL PHONES IN THE LOCKER ROOM

The USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies and PYST and YMCA Facility Rules prohibit the use of such devices in the locker room or other changing area: 305.3 Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms.