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Changing Room Policy

This policy is based on the ASA Changing Room Policy guidelines detailed in the Wavepower 2016/19 document.

Purpose

To clarify how Parents/Carers and Members are to exercise their duty of care to safeguard Children and Young People in swimming pool changing rooms.

Duty of Care to Swimmers in Changing Facilities

Under the Duty of Care to Safeguard Children, Launceston Swimming Club (LSC) has a responsibility for the well-being of children in the changing rooms of swimming facilities.

This responsibility is shared with the Parents/Carers of the Club's swimmers.

Parents/Carers of Children and Young People swimming in the Club's squads may leave the complex as, whilst training, the Child/Young Person is under the responsibility and duty of care of the Coach.

However, Parents/Carers must ensure that a designated adult returns to the pool complex promptly at the session finishing time to assume responsibility for the nominated Child(ren) or Young Person(s) whilst changing.

Responsibility during a Training Session

Whilst a young person is training, s/he remains under the supervision and duty of care of the swimming Coach or Teacher.

If a Swimmer goes out of the pool area, the Coach or Teacher must be made aware of this.

If the Young Person fails to return within a reasonable time or appeared upset when leaving poolside, the Coach will request that two 'suitable' persons commence the search for the Swimmer.

These two persons could be another Coach, Committee member, another Parent or an older Swimmer. If this cannot happen, relevant employees of the facility or venue should be called upon to assist the search.

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If the Club receives a complaint about any incident that has occurred between a Swimmer and any other person, the Club will:

- Investigate the matter if the other person is a Club member, via the Welfare Officers or another Committee Member.
- Inform the pool manager should the incident involve a member of the public.

Changing Facilities used by Launceston Swimming Club

At Launceston (GLL) Leisure Centre, changing facilities are shared with members of the public. The pools managed by Greenwich Leisure LTD are subject to their policy which states that children over the age of 8 years must use the gender appropriate changing room.

Conduct of Swimmers Using Changing Facilities

Launceston Swimming Club has high expectations of its Swimmers and requires them to abide by the Swimmers code of conduct agreed by the Committee and published on the LSC website and signed by each swimmer upon joining the Club.

Conduct of Parents and Carers whilst Swimmers are using Changing Facilities

It is not the policy of Launceston Swimming Club to encourage adults to supervise swimmers using changing facilities or to make such arrangement on behalf of the club.

This is because such supervision could place them and/or the Swimmers at risk of harm or allegation.

Parents, therefore, should not be in the changing rooms whilst swimmers are changing unless the swimmer is younger than 8 years of age or requires specific additional help to change. In such circumstances, the Welfare Officer should be informed.

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