



DINGWALL AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB CHANGING ROOM POLICY

Under the duty of care to safeguard children Dingwall ASC has a responsibility for the wellbeing of children in the changing rooms. Please note that parents of children under the age of 10 are expected to remain during their child's session.

Responsibility during a club session

Whilst a swimmer is training or competing at galas/competitions they are under the responsibility (duty of care) of the person who is coaching them at that time on behalf of the Club. If a swimmer leaves the pool area, the coach needs to be aware of this. If a child fails to return in reasonable time or appears upset upon leaving poolside the coach should request a suitable club official to check on them. It is best practice for two persons to look for the swimmer (the second person could be a senior swimmer or another parent/coach).

If a complaint is received that an incident has occurred in the changing room between a swimmer and another person in Dingwall ASC, the Club has a duty to act upon that concern and investigate appropriately. If the incident involves a person not associated with the Club, the facility manager (or supervisor if the manager is unavailable) should be made aware and consideration given as to whether the statutory agencies need informing.

Information for parents regarding changing facilities

- Facilities at Dingwall Leisure Centre are shared with members of the public as well as Club members. During galas both at home and away swimming complex changing facilities may be open to other club swimmers.
- The main facilities at Alness Swimming Pool are separate for males and females. Some other swimming complexes which the Club attends for galas have mixed changing villages.
- Swimmers should respect other people in changing rooms and adhere to the Swimmers Code of Conduct.
- Parents should be encouraged not to enter the changing room whilst the swimmers are changing unless their child is under the age of 10 where assistance is needed or the child has a disability and needs specific additional assistance or their child becomes upset.
- Parents and competitors need to be informed at events where other clubs are involved if the facilities are likely to be open to the general public at any time during the meet.

Responsibility after a session is completed

The Club has a duty of reasonable care to swimmers, which extends to an awareness on the part of the Club that their junior members have been collected in so far as is possible, at the conclusion of a session i.e. that a swimmer is not left unsupervised if a parent is late. Coaches will not depart from the premises without first supervising the safe dispersal of the children

However, this has to be age appropriate, i.e., a 17-year-old is capable of getting themselves home, but a 12-year-old is not.

If a parent is late in the collection of a child, they should notify the Head Coach or another Club Official. If a parent fails to collect a child, the Club's policy on Late Collection will be followed.