



## THT Locker Room Monitoring Policy

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 Terre Haute Torpedoes practice at the Vigo County School Corporation Aquatic Center, 2230 Prairieton Road, Terre Haute, IN 47802. The location has a changing area that is shared with the general public. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with THT in the changing area around the time of practice, such as VCSC high school swim teams and swim lesson students and parents.

### **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 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 the coach or administrator know about this in advance. If a legal guardian does enter a locker room or changing area, it must only be a same-sex legal guardian.

If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of eight), 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.

THT has staggered 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. Aquatic Center staff will make occasional sweeps of these areas, and coaches will be outside of the locker room doors at the end of practice times to monitor entrances/exits and provide general supervision.

### **Use of Cell Phone 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. The USA Swimming Athlete Protection Policies 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, rest rooms or locker rooms.*