

Basildon & Phoenix Swimming Club



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This guidance code of conduct is in line with the ASA Wavepower child safeguarding policy and procedures for clubs

Basildon and Phoenix Swimming Club – Changing Room Policy

Basildon and Phoenix Swimming Club is committed to a club environment in which all swimmers participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

In order to achieve this, the club has defined responsibilities with regard to behaviour in and supervision of the changing facilities in line with the ASA guidelines.

All parents/carers and swimmers should be aware of the following:

- 1. Changing facilities (including shower and toilet areas) at the Basildon Sporting Village are shared by both club members and members of the general public so please do not leave clothing/swimming bags/training equipment in the changing room cubicles. Please use a locker or bags can be left on poolside (during training sessions)
- 2. Different venues have different types of changing room e.g. separate for male and female or changing villages.
- **3.** Swimmers must be on their best behaviour in changing rooms (before and after swimming) and respect others using the changing rooms and facilities. This includes the following:
 - No throwing of any items over the top into a cubicle
 - No tampering or removing any other swimmers personal belongings from the changing room area.
 - No swinging from the changing room cubicle door frames
- **4.** Swimmers must respect the pool staff, pool facilities, equipment and other pool users when attending training sessions or open meets/galas. When using/sharing facilities with the public or in the public eye, swimmers are expected to behave at all times in a manner that reflects the good name of the club.
- **5.** Parents should not be in the changing room while their swimmers are changing, unless the swimmer is of an age where help is required from parents or the swimmer requires additional specific assistance. This is generally at an age that is stipulated by the pool hirer, usually 7 or 8 years of age7. In such circumstances the parent must be the same gender as the child, unless the facility has family changing facilities or is a "mixed changing village"











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- **6.** While a child is training she/he remains under the responsibility/duty of care, of the person who is teaching/coaching him at that time on behalf of the club. Once a swimmer has left poolside at the end of the training session, they become the responsibility of the parent/carer. If a swimmer leaves the pool area, the coach/teacher must be made aware of this. If the child fails to return in a reasonable time, or appears upset upon leaving the poolside the coach/teacher will request suitable officials (i.e. other club official or volunteer) check on them and seek an explanation from the swimmer.
- **7.** If a complaint is received that an incident has occurred in the changing room between a swimmer and any other person, 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 pool manager will be made aware and consideration given as to whether the statutory agencies need informing.
- **8.** Swimmers are reminded that it is a criminal offence to attempt to or take images of another swimmer or member of the public whilst they are changing in the cubicle and image capturing devices should not be used in the changing room in general.







