

WARRINGTON ROWING CLUB CHANGING ROOM POLICY 2018

Background

Rowing is mixed gender, it is a mixed age-group sport with adults and children training and racing together. This changing room policy has been drawn up as part of our commitment to Safeguarding.

The Warrington Clubhouse currently has gender specific changing facilities that comprise of a communal changing area, with washbasins, private WCs (including a disabled one) and shower cubicles with curtains. We do not currently have the facilities for separate junior and adult changing. There are occasions when members get wet, especially during the winter months, it is important that all members are able to change immediately after their training session.

Club coaches, some volunteers and the Child Welfare Officer (CWO) all have current Disclosure and Barring Service clearance (DBS) but other adults at the club are not required to be checked under the British Rowing guidelines. Coaches and the CWO have all undertaken training in child protection and safeguarding.

This policy has been written for the protection of juniors at the club.

Recommendations

1. Males and females will change in separate changing rooms.
2. Where at all possible there should not be a time when one adult is alone with a child (under 18) in the changing room unless the adult has parental responsibility for that child.
3. Where possible, coaches should shower and change at a different time to the group they are coaching, however, we note that this will not always be practical.
4. The use of cameras or any other recording device in the changing rooms is strictly prohibited.
5. No member is obliged to use the changing facilities if they do not wish to. If parents do not give their permission for their child to use the club changing rooms they must ensure that alternative arrangements for changing are in place (eg. Changing and showering at home) and that their child is aware of their decision.
6. This policy will be made available on the Warrington Rowing Club website and all members will be asked to read the policy when they join the club. It will also be displayed on the notice board.

If you have any concerns please contact the Club Welfare Officer: Allison Wright: 07984640931 or allisonwright2010@hotmail.co.uk

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