

Hydra Aquatics of Northern Virginia Locker Room Policy

Purpose and Acknowledgment:

Hydra Aquatics of Northern Virginia LLC dba Hydra Aquatics of Northern Virginia ("HYAQ") is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment in all facilities used by our athletes. This Locker Room Policy outlines rules and expectations to ensure participant privacy and safety, in accordance with USA Swimming's MAAPP and applicable Virginia privacy and youth protection laws.

Locker Room Policies

1. Respectful Conduct

All swimmers, coaches, and family members must:

- Behave respectfully toward others in locker rooms.
- Refrain from loud, disruptive, or intimidating behavior.
- Avoid offensive language, gestures, or any form of harassment.

2. Privacy and Surveillance Prohibition

- **Photography, videography, or use of recording devices in locker rooms is strictly prohibited.**
- Any conduct that invades the privacy of others, including peering under stalls or over partitions, is grounds for immediate disciplinary action and possible removal from the team.
- HYAQ does not monitor locker rooms via surveillance, consistent with privacy expectations under Virginia law.

3. Personal Belongings

- Swimmers and their families are responsible for securing personal property.
- HYAQ and the host facility are not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

4. Facility Rules and Access

- Only athletes, approved staff, or parent/guardian chaperones (if authorized) may enter locker rooms during practice and competition times.
- All users must follow posted signs and facility instructions regarding showers, lockers, and restroom access.

5. Hygiene and Cleanliness

- Users must keep locker rooms clean and dispose of trash properly.

- Wet clothing or gear should not be left behind.
- Shared areas should be left in the same or better condition after use.

6. Prohibited Items

- The following are not permitted in locker rooms:
 - Alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, and illegal substances; or
 - Weapons or other hazardous materials

7. Gender and Age Separation

- Locker room access must align with USA Swimming and facility-specific guidelines.
- HYAQ will work with parents to provide reasonable accommodations upon request, including access to alternate private changing areas if necessary.

8. Consequences for Violations

Violations of this policy may result in:

- Verbal or written warnings;
- Restricted or revoked access to locker rooms;
- Suspension or expulsion from the team; and
- Referral to law enforcement if warranted under Virginia law.

Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, I confirm that I have reviewed and understand the HYAQ's Locker Room Policy. I agree to comply with the expectations stated above and ensure that my child(ren) do the same. I further understand that noncompliance may result in disciplinary consequences stated above.

Swimmer's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____