

WALTHAMSTOW CRICKET, TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB

CHANGING ROOM POLICY

It is the Walthamstow Cricket, Tennis and Squash Club's policy that all children (defined for the purpose of this policy as those under the age of 16) should have a safe and enjoyable sporting experience, free from abuse of any kind. This policy sets out the Club's conditions for the acceptable use of its changing facilities by members, coaches and visitors, in order to minimise any risks associated with the mixing of adults and children in our facilities.

Parents, carers and guardians are required to ensure that all children attending the Club for the purpose of sporting activities should arrive suitably dressed to play their chosen sport (with an appropriate change of footwear available as required) and that once the activity has been completed they return home or elsewhere as appropriate, to shower and change.

Due to the Club's limited changing facilities, it is not possible for us to guarantee to provide a private space for children to change and/or shower. However, in exceptional circumstances (for example, where some form of accident has occurred) and it becomes necessary for a child to have access to changing and/or showering facilities, members, coaches and visitors should following the following guidance.

- Where possible the child/children should have sole use of the changing/showering facility. A responsible adult should be stationed at the door of the changing room to ensure the child's privacy when no assistance is required by the child.
- If the child requires assistance this should be provided, in the first instance by their parent/guardian/carer or, if the child is unaccompanied by such, then by at least two responsible adults (of the same gender as the child), at least one of which should hold a current DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) certificate.
- If it is not possible for the child to have sole use of the changing/showering facilities then a responsible DBS checked adult (of the same gender as the child) will provide supervision within the room.
- At no time will coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms
- If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender different from that assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/guardians (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.
- The use of any devices to capture images (both still and moving) or to make audio recordings must not be used in changing rooms when they are in use.