

CHANGING ROOMS POLICY

POLICY OWNER(S): **WELFARE OFFICER**

POLICY LAST UPDATED: **AUGUST 2023**

This policy applies to everyone using the club, and specifically the changing rooms. It is designed to safeguard children (anyone under the age of 18).

- Children will be given sole use of changing rooms as needed. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.
- Adults will not change or shower at the same time as children, or when children are using the changing rooms.
- Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms and toilets.
- If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/carers to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
- For younger children, and wherever possible, a DBS checked volunteer will escort them to, and wait outside, the changing rooms/toilets to allow children to call for assistance if required.