

There has been quite a few locker room/pool issues the last few days that need to be addressed. First, I've noticed that after school there has been much more teasing and taking of each others things, not in a mean way but nevertheless it is happening, the noise and the disturbance interferes with the A, B, and mini practices.

There has been issues in the girls locker room that includes borrowing of each others things without permission, throwing of back packs, inappropriate language and checking phone messages on others phones without permission. There has been issues in the boys locker room as well. Since we are the older group we are responsible setting a good example. The younger kids copy this behavior and then we hear complaints from their parents.

Please remind your children that we are guests at the pool and that we need to respect the facility and the rules. The rules are in place for the safety of all.

Before practice, your swimmers may (depending on their team) need to sit at the table to eat their snacks, do their homework, or they may sit on the steps. No more running in and out of the pool area or running around the school. It's very disturbing to the other teams. No horseplay of any kind is allowed in the locker rooms.

All equipment, needs to be used properly. Towel snapping, sliding on wet mats, filling cones up with water, snorkel blowing outside the water, inappropriate language etc needs to stop. If they want to conduct experiments, please have them ask before doing so to make sure that it is ok or have them do it at home.

I absolutely love coaching your children and much of this type of energy is what makes them special, we just need to exercise much more self control.

I also need to let you know that it is my policy that when a rule is broken, a person accidentally kicked or hit etc that an apology is said immediately. I am not tolerant of anything else. It doesn't matter if you agree or disagree with whatever, it needs to be done. Once done the matter is forgiven and forgotten.

For example swimmer #1 accidentally kicks swimmer #2 and swimmer #2 hits swimmer #1 in retaliation, both need to say they are sorry. #1 for the accident #2 for doing on purpose.

If you checked out your friends phone message without her permission and you find out it bothers her say you're sorry. Make it right. That is my policy for this team. I feel it helps build team respect.

For the most part all of your swimmers stop unwanted behavior when asked and are apologetic. If they don't stop their unwanted behavior after being asked, then a loss of shower privileges is issued. If it still continues then I will request to meet with you. I've only had to do that once in 15 years.

Thank you for helping me with these matters. Have a great day!
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