

# HATTON SPORTS CLUB

## Policy on the use of changing rooms

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Hatton Sports Club strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable sporting experience.

This document sets out the Club's policy for the acceptable use of the changing rooms. The Management Committee may decide to close the changing rooms for reasons of Health and Safety; for instance throughout the duration of a pandemic.

1. Groups of children will have sole use of changing rooms. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.
2. If adults and children need to share the changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
3. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
4. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms, or use the same changing room but at different times.
5. 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 (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.
6. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
7. For younger groups of children, a PVG checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.
8. Where no changing facilities are available, children, parents and travelling teams/players will be made aware prior to their visit, and advised to make alternative arrangements and to take appropriate additional clothing e.g. tracksuits etc.