



Mobile Devices Policy Statement 2024

Halton Swimming Club is committed to providing an environment in which all children participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience, this includes adherence to Swim Englands Mobile Device use policy under Wavepower 2024.

This recent policy update is due to the continued rise in incidents of mobile devices being used to capture indecent and inappropriate photos and video footage within changing rooms. This type of behaviour is illegal and will not be tolerated at Halton Swimming Club. For further information please see the below link.

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-mobile-devices/>

All Halton SC Members will be required to adhere to the following.

1. Mobile phones and devices are not permitted to be used in changing room areas during any Swim England regulated activity, club training sessions or galas, home or away. Venue specific policies in relation to mobile phone use are to be followed at away Galas.
2. Any witnessed use of a mobile device in a changing room must be reported to the Club Welfare officer, Club Chair and the Leisure Centre as soon as possible, so that the relevant authorities may be contacted to investigate.
3. All club members must ensure their mobile devices are safely stored in a bag and out of use before entering the changing areas and their devices should remain there until they leave.
4. In the event of an emergency or an exceptional circumstance then the use of a mobile phone in a changing room would be appropriate such as to call for help or emergency services.
5. If it is needed for medical purposes, for example a glucose tracker, then that form of use would be acceptable but please carry out the check within the privacy of a cubicle.
6. The taking of photos or video footage by spectators is not permitted and signage is in place to remind spectators of this on entry. Anyone suspected of doing so will be asked to leave and reported to the authorities.
7. The general, day to day, use of mobile phones and devices by spectators is allowed within the balcony area.