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The Elite Swimming Training Programme of the DMasa and Doncaster's Clubs  
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## **PARENT/GUARDIAN & SWIMMER WELFARE UPDATE**

### **Changing Rooms and Poolside – Photography/Videoing and uploading images on social networking platforms**

Following your meeting with the coaching team please find below a follow up of the details discussed.

We are increasingly concerned that there have been further incidents of swimmers using camera functions on their phones within the changing rooms at training and galas, even after emails to parents and the coaches having spoken to all swimmers.

Therefore we remind you of the following –

- Photos including selfies, videos and use of social media sites that use video technology e.g. tiktok, Instagram etc are prohibited for use in the changing rooms (training or galas).

#### **Why this is in place**

Whilst we recognise most of the photos being taken in changing rooms are not putting the main subjects in the picture at risk there is the potential for someone unknowingly to be in the background that could be changing/undressed etc.

#### **It is a criminal offence to take, make, distribute (send), upload and/or possess any indecent image of a child (including those taken/possessed by other under 18 year olds)**

It is clearly stipulated within all DCLT venues that Photography and Videoing is not allowed in any changing or pool spectator area.

This information is in line with Swim England policies and guidance to swimming clubs and forms part of the Club's Code of Conduct to which all swimmers and parents have agreed.

#### **What to do if you see this happening**

Please report it to one of the Welfare Team or by emailing [welfare@dartes.co.uk](mailto:welfare@dartes.co.uk) and the Welfare team will follow up as appropriate.

#### **ADVICE TO SHARE WITH YOUR SWIMMERS**

- Always remember that any communication, comments, photos and video clips posted on a social networking site may be shared with more people than you originally intended.



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- Never share pictures of yourself or your friends that you wouldn't be happy for your family to see.
- Also never post or send any photographs, videos or make comments that:
  - May be hurtful, untrue or upsetting or that you may regret sharing later on.
  - May be used by other people in a way you did not intend or want.
  - Other people may find inappropriate.
- Do not upload images of other members taking part in activities or events as you may breach the Swim England Photography Guidance. This will not prevent you having images of your friends from Dartes on your personal social networking site, as long as they were taken outside of the sporting arena.

We thank you for your continued support and the help to reinforce this message with your swimmer.

Many thanks

Doncaster Dartes Welfare and Coaching Teams