NORTHUMBERLAND TENNIS ACADEMY

Use of Changing Rooms and Showering Facilities Briefing and policy

use of changing rooms

The Northumberland Tennis Academy strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

The Academy makes use of the facilities in the Gordon Brewis Indoor Centre. These facilities are used by a wide range of Groups of players during the course of the day; however, during the standard Academy and County Training coaching hours of 3.30pm to 8.00pm all courts will normally be in use for training and other tennis users will not normally be accessing the changing rooms. Outside of these hours, it is the responsibility of parents/carers or, if not present, a player’s coach to ensure that the changing room(s) is safe to use.

This document sets out the Northumberland Tennis Academy general policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

1. Groups of children will normally have sole use of changing rooms during the Academy coaching hours stated above. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.
2. If adults and children need to use our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
3. Where it is unavoidable that changing rooms could be used by both adults and children at the same time, children will make use of the disabled toilet facility in the indoor centre which has a lockable door.
4. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms. Coaches will use the disabled toilet facility if required
5. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms.
6. 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 (*n.b. for more information on this please go to* [*https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/topics/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/*](about:blank))
7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.

8 For younger groups of children eg mini tennis players, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.

1. Where it is practicable to do so (and this already happens in the majority of cases), players will be encouraged to come to the Academy already changed, wearing suitably warm clothing eg tracksuits, and go home to change and shower.

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Policy to be reviewed March 2023 or earlier if updated guidance is received from the LTA or legislation requires a change.