

# POLICY FOR THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS

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Bovey Tracey Tennis Club (the club) strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience. This document sets out the club's policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms and applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers and any other individuals associated with the club.

**It remains the parents'/carers' responsibility to decide whether it is safe and appropriate to allow their unaccompanied child or children to use the club's changing rooms. Parents'/ carers' should take into account their child's general development and maturity and that the club is unable to provide supervision of such facilities.**

1. The changing rooms are predominantly for the use of adults. Juniors under the age of 18 should, whenever possible, come to the club ready changed to play, so avoiding the need to use the changing rooms.

The only exceptions to this are:

- i) When a parent/carer and child of the same sex are both changing at the same time to play.
  - ii) When the club from time to time allow specific priority to juniors (to reflect activities at the club). If the changing rooms are being used by juniors, adult members (other than supervising parents or carers) are requested not to use the changing rooms.
2. There are gender specific changing rooms available. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms.
  3. The club is unable to provide any supervision for children using the changing room facilities.
  4. Children aged 8 and under using the changing facilities must be accompanied by their parent or carer.
  5. When a parent/carer needs to assist a child to change, but also has another child or children to consider, no child over the age of 8 years should be taken into the changing rooms of the opposite gender.
  6. Mobile phones, cameras or other recording devices must not be used in the changing rooms.
  7. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
  8. 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.

To report any concerns regarding the use of changing facilities at the club, please contact the club's Welfare Officer, Matt Falkner 07917 357240 [btltcsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:btltcsafeguarding@gmail.com).