



Changing Rooms and Showering Policy

Parents/carers, coaches, team managers and volunteers should be aware that there are circumstances where junior players may find themselves changing in facilities where adults are present in the area.

Cricket is unusual in that children play, compete, practice, train and socialise amongst adults. We all have a duty of care to ensure risks are minimised by implementing the following procedures.

- While groups of children are using changing facilities, coaches and other volunteers must not enter unless absolutely necessary.
- Coaches are to use the '**Rule of Two**', giving particular consideration to the gender of those using the facilities when deciding who the most appropriate adults are to enter.
- Coaches are to announce clearly, and loudly verbally before entering.
- Children should be encouraged to **arrive and leave in their playing kit** and are not required to change/shower at the ground
- At home games, **separate facilities will be available for children to change** in a different location to adults. Where not possible (eg away games), players should have a specific time allocated to using the changing facilities, based on their age, and this should be strictly adhered to.
- Adult players must ensure **no children remain in the changing rooms before showering**.
- It is recognised that some 16 and 17 year olds may wish to change/shower alongside their adult team mates in communal changing rooms. Such a situation should be agreed in advance with the Club Safeguarding Officer the child and the parent/carer – it is essential that no pressure is applied for a child to make any particular choice
- **Mixed gender teams will be allocated separate and clearly signed changing facilities** at OGCC. If this is not possible (eg away games), players should have a specific time allocated to using the changing facilities, based on their gender, and this should be strictly adhered to
- **Mobile phones** or any other equipment capable of capturing still or moving images **MUST not be used** in the changing room when people are changing.