



Changing Room Guidance Policy

Braid Tennis Club (“the Club”) strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience. Unlike some other sports tennis is often participated in by a mix of age groups at the same time. Therefore, when it comes to the use of changing rooms it is not always easy to allocate specific time slots for use for adults only or use for children only. This document sets out the Club’s policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

- Gender specific changing rooms are available at the Club
- The Club’s Changing Room Policy and contact details of who to report concerns or breach of the policy to are clearly posted on the Clubhouse noticeboard in or near each changing room for all users to see
- Parents of U18s know and agree to the Changing Room Policy and are aware they are for mixed age group use
- Where possible, there should not be a time when one adult is alone in the changing room when U18s are present and vice versa, there should not be a time where an U18 is alone in the changing room when there are adults present (unless when the U18 is accompanied by their parent)
- Where possible, coaches should shower and change at a different time or in a different changing facility to the group they are coaching
- Mobile phones, cameras or any other recording devices must not be used in changing rooms at any time
- Parents of U18s are allowed to supervise their child (of the same gender) whilst in the changing room
- Children under the age of 8 can change, when accompanied by their parent, in the changing room of the opposite gender.

Not everyone (adult or child), will be comfortable using group changing facilities. No pressure should ever be put on someone using the facilities and the option to change at home or for an individual to find an alternative provision should always be made available.

To report any concerns please contact the Welfare Officer Dawn Ellis on welfarebraidtc@gmail.com