



# Dumfries Tennis Club

## -Policy on the use of Changing Rooms

Dumfries Tennis Club strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

This document sets out the Club policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms (no shower area):

1. Groups of children will have sole use of changing rooms at the start of coaching and the end of coaching. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing.
2. When adults and children need to share our changing rooms within the same hour, they will do so at different times within that hour.
3. Where it is unavoidable that changing rooms are used by both adults and children at the same time, there will be access to separate changing, showering and toilet areas.
4. Under no circumstances will adult coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
5. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms or use the same changing room but at different times.
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.
7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
8. For younger groups of children, a volunteer with PVG membership will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.
9. All users of the changing rooms are reminded that the Code of Conduct applies in the changing rooms as well as all other areas of the clubhouse and courts. (Copies of the Code are on the clubs website).
10. Bullying behaviour will not be tolerated or condoned in the changing rooms as with any other part of the Club. The Club would encourage individuals to speak out about bullying behaviour and report incidents of bullying behaviour they see to the Welfare Officer.
11. Where no changing facilities are available children, parents and travelling teams/ players will be made aware prior to the game and advised to make alternative arrangements and to take appropriate additional clothing e.g. tracksuits etc.
12. To report any concerns, please contact our Welfare Officer Daniel McKeever on 07760 403256 or email [Danielmckeever1@btinternet.com](mailto:Danielmckeever1@btinternet.com)