

# USE OF CHANGING ROOMS FACILITIES POLICY

## FARINGDON TENNIS CLUB

### BRIEFING

This document is intended to allow venues to meet the needs of its members, taking into account the facilities that are available to them, the number of people accessing them and the activities they are undertaking.

Changing facilities in venues vary greatly, but wherever possible they should follow the points in this policy. Where a particular point is not applicable (i.e. only one changing room exists) then this can be removed from that venue's policy.

Venues who may find it difficult to adhere to some of the procedures in this document may decide that it is more practical for players to come to the venue already changed, wearing suitably warm clothing e.g. tracksuits, and go home afterwards to change and shower.

### POLICY ON THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS

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

This document sets out the FTC policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

1. Groups of children will have sole use of changing rooms. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing.
2. If adults and children need to share our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
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 and toilet areas.
4. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change 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 (*n.b.* for more information on this please go to <https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/topics/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/>)

7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
8. For younger groups of children, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.