

Ryde Mead Lawn Tennis Club

Changing Room Policy

The LTA recommends that all tennis clubs should have a policy about the safe use of changing facilities, in particular adults and children sharing facilities.

Tennis is often participated in by a mix of age groups at the same time. Therefore, it is often not possible to allocate specific time slots for use of changing rooms by adults only or by children only.

RMLTC does not have gender specific changing rooms available. There is one single changing room with a lockable door. Access can be obtained from the exterior of the room in an emergency. The changing room is situated in the clubhouse. During daytime hours the club house is utilised as a café – meaning access to the changing room resides in a public area open to members and non-members. The lack of gender specific changing rooms mandates that careful consideration be given to the use of the changing room when it is employed and as it resides in a public area specific consideration is required regarding security.

Given these limitations, all players are encouraged to, where possible; change at home when making use of the facilities at RMLTC. However it is recognised that in certain instances, for example where teams from another club visit, or where pay and play customers utilise the facilities the changing room may be required.

Ryde Mead Lawn Tennis Club (RMLTC) supports the LTA's Minimum Standards for Safeguarding in LTA Registered Venues.

In line with these standards:

- Adults shall not change at the same time as children (except in the case of a child being accompanied by their parent).
- Children (18 years and under) should change at home when playing for senior teams, unless parents have given consent to relevant captains for their child to do so at the club when in the company of senior players.
- Children under the age of 8, may use the changing room, accompanied by their parent
- Wherever possible, coaches shall 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.
- No senior member will place pressure of any kind on a junior member to change at the club.
- To ensure gender specific fidelity is maintained when the room is in use, only same sex groups may use the room simultaneously.
- When a person or persons is/are using the room they will be expected to lock the door. Signage will be visible within the room to reiterate this point.

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