



## **LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **Changing Room & Showering Facilities Guidance**

**Larkspur Rovers FC guidance for using changing and showering facilities is in-line with the current FA recommendations. Below is a copy of The FA's guidance document.**

We invite you to think about how your club can effectively meet the needs of all its members, taking into account the facilities that are available to them, the number of people accessing them and the activities they are undertaking. Clubs may decide that players are encouraged to come to games already changed, wearing suitably warm clothing e.g. tracksuits and go home after games to shower. This guidance should be discussed at your club. If you have any further queries in relation to this guidance please contact your County FA Welfare Officer.

1. When club facilities are used by both adults and children at the same time, there will be access to separate changing, showering and toilet areas.
2. Adult staff/volunteers must not change or shower at the same time as children and young people using the same facilities
3. For mixed gender activities, separate facilities will be available for both male and female participants.
4. When children are using changing rooms, they should be supervised by two members of staff/volunteers. Older teenagers may not require any supervision however the club will have an appropriately recruited adult within the vicinity of the changing facilities to ensure their welfare is monitored.
5. If a child feels uncomfortable changing or showering in public then no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Instead, they should be encouraged to do so at home.
6. When children with disabilities are using the club, their carers should be involved in deciding how they should be assisted. Make sure the child or young person is able to consent to the assistance that is offered.
7. The use of mobile phones and/or photographic equipment by club officials, members, parents and young people should be prohibited within areas where children and young people are changing/showering.

[Please refer to The FAs Celebrating Football through Photographs and Video, Best Practice Guidance]

8. Where no changing facilities are available for children and young people, parents and travelling clubs should be made aware prior to the game and advised to make alternative arrangements and to take appropriate additional clothing e.g. Tracksuits etc. The FA recognises that not all clubs have their own private facilities and may use those owned by the community/local authority/schools/private business. These facilities may already have their own policy on the use of changing and showering areas to which a club may have to adhere as part of a facilities usage agreement.





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