



Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club

Changing Room and Showering Policy

Parents/Guardians must be aware that there are circumstances under which junior players may find themselves changing clothes in the presence of players over the age of 18 years of age. Cricket is unusual in that children play, compete, practice, train and socialise amongst adults.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club have a duty of care to ensure risks are minimised by implementing the following procedures. While groups of children are using changing facilities, coaches and other volunteers must not enter unless absolutely necessary.

Remember the 'Rule of Two', giving particular consideration to the gender of those using the facilities when deciding who the most appropriate adults are to enter. Such access should be announced verbally before entering.

Best practice principles which we have adopted are as follows:

- Adults must not change, or shower, at the same time using the same facility as children
- As adults and children need to share our changing facility, they must do so at different times.
- Mixed gender teams must have access to separate male and female changing rooms. We will need to consider how we utilise the umpire room if we have mixed teams
- Due to the risks of inappropriate photography or filming, mobile phones must not be used in changing rooms.
- Children should be encouraged to arrive and leave in their playing kit and are not required to change/shower at the ground