**PURPOSE:** There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating in sports. While the great majority of images are appropriate and are taken in good faith, it is a fact that images can be misused and children can be put at risk if common-sense procedures are not observed.

## PDSC PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

- EAC may publish and/or post photographs of swimmer under 18 either online on Social Media Sites (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) or in a published article or video recording of swimming competitions.
- A parent or guardian has a right of refusal to have children photographed. The
  exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into
  a swimming competition. Opting out of any photo that may go to press or on a
  notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should
  receive parental non-consent in writing. A form allowing parents to indicate
  refusal of consent is available through the EAC coaching staff.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending should be made aware of this in your meet information. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent. Their right to do so should be specifically drawn to their attention.

All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs should not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

Enfinity Aquatic Club may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership in the club. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy. The club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.	
As the parent/caregiver of I allow the following:	
Take photographs to use on the club's secure website  Consent given Consent refused	
Take photographs to include with newspaper articles  Consent given Consent refused	
Take photographs to use on club notice boards  Consent given Consent refused	
Video for training purposes only  Consent given Consent refused	
Signed:	_
Dated:	

Return this form to the EAC Site Coach