

## WETT SWIM CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

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WETT prides itself on creating an environment of comradelie and friendliness. We love taking pictures of our athletes and families. It is never with the intent to make people feel uncomfortable.

If you or your family decide to not be photographed, let us know as soon as possible. Please consider the fact that most of our photos take place at public places, during public events and even though we will try our best to not include you in the frame there might be times when the photographer cannot oversee what happens in the surrounding background. However, we will try our best to only include those who agree to our photography policy and if someone that prefers privacy, filters through, we will take that photo down as soon as notified.

### 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 or have not been taken with the subject's approval and children can be put at risk if common sense procedures are not observed.

1. The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board, social media platform, web content or published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions, team events, practices, or gatherings should only be done with parents' consent per the "Photography Consent Form" attached hereto.
2. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. Therefore, any photo that may go to press (aka: on a notice board, social media platform, web content, published article or video recording) be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. See hereto attached "Photography Consent Form".

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 parent/legal guardian 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:**

- a. Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- b. Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- c. 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.
- d. Photographs should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM**

WETT Swim 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's policy. The Club requires parental consent to take and make use of photographs. Policy is presented in the online registration process and consent given at the time of registration.

Parents have the right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed. Consent refused must be provided in writing and submitted to the WETT Swim Club Safe Sport Coordinator Board Member.

As the parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_, I allow the following:

- Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

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Consent given

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Consent refused

- Take photographs to include in newspaper articles

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Consent given

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Consent refused

- Take photographs to utilize on club notice boards

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Consent given

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Consent refused

- Video for training purposes only

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to WETT Safe Sport Coordinator, [wettswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:wettswimclub@gmail.com)