



PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

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 commonsense procedures are not observed.

POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”) should only be done with parents’ consent through their acknowledgement in TeamUnify during registration.
2. A parent or guardian has a right to 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 or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing.
3. In the case of open meets and other competitions where HRA has an official photographer present, all parents attending will be made aware of this in the 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.
4. 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.



PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Highlands Ranch Aquatics (HRA) 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.

Photographs may be used on HRA's website, social media accounts, weekly communications, or video for training purposes.

Please note that at meets not hosted by HRA and at large public gatherings, it may not be possible for HRA to control the publication of a photo of your swimmer(s) or on a live feed of the racing. In these situations, HRA cannot be held responsible for the unintentional publication of photographs.

By signing your name below, you are **CONSENTING** to the use of your child(ren)'s photos for these purposes in line with club policy. If you wish to **REFUSE CONSENT**, please email board@hraswim.org, listing:

Athlete's name(s);
Parent/Guardian name; and
Date.