



PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES / RELEASE

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. Taking pictures during practice and then transmitted without consent of each parent's child in the image is against the law. Please always consider the children's safety.

POLICIES

1. Any publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions ("publication") has been given by signing the registration paperwork. The waver acts as written consent from each parent per this or the digital form in the swim registration.
2. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed at meets. 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 noticeboard, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, will use this parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. If Parent signs the registration paperwork but would like to make adjustment to the photo portion this must be brought up at registration and a stipulation will be put into writing and signed by both a parent and coach to affirm this agreement. If this agreement is made coach may ask the swimmer to exit the pool and or pool deck when pictures or video may be in use.
3. A parent / grandparent or guardian **Does NOT** have the right to take pictures at practice for safety purposes.



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 the host 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 photographers must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and **will 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 **will not** be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS:

Any Photos taken at practice are only authorized by coach or professional photographer which will be background checked and used for training purposes. On occasion a professional photographer will take action photos during practice with the coach present for promotional purposes. This packet is a waiver release by the signed responsible adult / parent or guardian of the minor. The photos will not be for sale or for personal use at any time but will be used to promote the success of the PIPELINE program and its athletes.