

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.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where ACAC has an official photographer present, all parents attending are made aware of this in meet information.

If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent has the opportunity to withhold their consent. The form to do so is posted on the ACAC website under DOCS. 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 swim suit.
- Photographs are not to be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs are not to be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

Photography Consent Form

ACAC may 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. Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.

As the parent/caregiver of _____ I REFUSE the following

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

_____ Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

_____ Take photographs to use on club notice boards

_____ Video for training purposes only

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to coachmike@swimacac.com