

DASH PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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.

POLICIES

1. Photographing swimmers from behind the starting blocks is NEVER allowed, even of your own child.
2. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 either on a notice board, in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of a swimming event by DASH will only be done with parents' consent. This consent is given by the parents during registration. To opt out of a specific format of publication but not all publications (social media, newspaper, etc...) parents are required to submit the below consent form to either the DASH Head Coach, Board of Director President or Safe Sport Director.
3. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have their child photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. The opportunity to refuse to have their child photographed and excluded in publications will be given to parents during registration.
4. If the parent would like to change their decision following registration regarding their consent for photography, they may submit the consent form found on the DASH website under "Policies & Links" to either the DASH Head Coach, Board of Director President or Safe Sport Director.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where DASH has an official photographer present, all parents will be made aware via the team's meet invite. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent will be given the opportunity to withhold their consent and direction on how to do so will also be provided in the meet invite.

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.
- Published photographs will not have more than 1 identifying feature such as a child's 1st name and last name, the child's name and swim club or group etc...