



VANDAL AQUATIC CLUB 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.

Vandal Aquatic 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 are to be taken and published in line with club policy.

POLICIES

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.

Photographs or video recordings (including video streaming) of swimmers under 18 for the purposes of promoting the swimmer's accomplishments and the club's part in that accomplishment are agreed to with the swimmer's membership in the club.

A parent or guardian has the right of refusal to have their children photographed and/or to have names attached to photos. The exercise of this right of refusal will not be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. The form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent follows below.

In some cases the host club of swim meets and other competitions will make arrangements to have an official photographer present. Parents/guardians with swimmers attending need to read through the meet information to determine this. If photos are to be published anywhere, parents should decide if they wish to sign up their child for photos and, if desired, contact the photographer to withhold their consent for publication (i.e. preliminary image selection on the photographer's website).



VAN Photography Opt Out Form – effective 06/30/22

Parents/guardians agree to the Vandal Aquatic Club policies for taking photographs and videos of swim club members and of allowing images (photographs and video recordings) of their child(ren) to be used for promotion of the club and celebration of swimmers' achievements. These may be for internal and external (public) uses.

If you wish to opt out of this global use agreement, please submit the following:

Photography Opt Out Form

No videos for training purposes & no photos of child(ren)

No photos of child(ren) may be published

Child's/children's name(s) may not be attached to the photo but photo may be used

Swimmer's Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____

Please print, sign and scan this form for return to:

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