



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 common-sense procedures are not observed.

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. Photos/Video may be periodically taken of athletes and used on Velocity Swimming's website, Facebook page, Wenatchee World newspaper, or other team publication as deemed appropriate. Please fill out the Photography Consent form (attached) and email it to the Velocity Board President boardpresident@velocity-swimming.com if you do NOT want photos/videos of your child(ren) used. Otherwise, by agreeing to the Velocity Membership Agreement, and completing online registration, parents give their consent to utilize photos and videos that may be taken.

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 Form

Velocity Swimming 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. Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed per the Velocity Team Handbook and Photography Policy. If parents wishes to limit or refuse consent of the photographs, please fill out the form below:

As the parent/caregiver of _____ I allow the following:

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

Consent Given Consent Refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles:

Consent Given Consent Refused

Take photographs to use on social media:

Consent Given Consent Refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent Given Consent Refused

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to the Velocity Board President boardpresident@velocity-swimming.com