## Photography & Website/Social Media Release

for Boilermaker Aquatics



I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian for the child(ren) registered on my account. I hereby give my permission for Boilermaker Aquatics to use photographs taken of my child(ren) /myself/ my family to be showcased on our team website and/or social media accounts.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

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.

## Our Policy is as follows:

- 1. The 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) should only be done with parent's consent at registration.
- 2. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed. 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 notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. Please be aware that at our open competitions, when BA hosts, we have an official photographer present. Again, you absolutely have the right to refuse to have your child's photograph 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.
- 3. No photos should ever be taken in a locker or dressing room at any time. It is recommended that all smart phones and cameras be left out of changing areas at all times.