



SJAC 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 if common-sense procedures are not observed.

SOUTH JERSEY AQUATIC CLUB POLICY

The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on an internal bulletin board, the team website, online or printed articles, or on social media should only be done with parents' consent per the attached form.

A parent or guardian has a right of refusal 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.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending should be made aware of this in your meet information. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent. Their right to do so should be specifically drawn to their attention.

All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity
- Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs should not be taken from behind the swimming blocks, at the start of a race, or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs never be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY STATEMENT

In compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additionally, the use of equipment capable of taking pictures or videos (i.e., cell phones, cameras, PDA's, etc) are banned from behind the starting blocks during the entire meet, including warm up, competition and warm down periods.

Unless approved in advance by the MAS Board and stated in the meet announcement, photographers /videographers are not permitted on deck at any time. As an approved exception, USA Swimming-registered and credentialed coaches are permitted to utilize visual recording devices to record their swimmers in the pool for the sole purpose of stroke training subject to the location restrictions of this statement so long as they do not interfere with meet operations. In the event of any disputes regarding video recording, the Referee's decision shall be final and binding. In no case shall coaches be permitted to delegate this role to athletes.

SJAC Photography Consent Form

South Jersey 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 will be taken and published in line with club policy. The club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

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

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

Take photographs to use on the club's internal bulletin boards

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Take photographs to include with printed or online newspaper and/or magazine articles, as well as promotional materials for the club

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Take photographs to use on SJAC social media accounts – Facebook and Instagram

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to the SJAC Business Office. This can also be filled out electronically using the Google Form below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde5xT9wftcS7UguG4nhC8xxCQpaDXiSli3fpk5fF3ye7rz0g/viewform?usp=header>