

EAC

SWIMMING



ELIZABETHTOWN AQUATIC CLUB 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.

Here are EAC's Policies:

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 parents' consent per the attached form.
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. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.

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 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

Swimmer Photograph Opt-Out

EAC reserves the right to have team recognized photographers take photographs of EAC participants during EAC sponsored activities, swim meets, and team events. Photographs may be used on the EAC website, in the team slideshow, in publications, and on social media including, but not limited to EAC's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Parents and guardians can choose to opt their swimmer(s) out of photographs by emailing the EAC president with a clear opt-out request including their swimmer's full name. Parents should email their request prior to the start of the season and watch for a reply to confirm that their request has been received.

I understand that I must send an opt-out request to the EAC president to opt my swimmer(s) out of team photographs. I will contact the team president if I have additional questions.