

Photography Policy

Purpose

At Westtown Aquatics, we recognize the importance of capturing and celebrating our athletes' achievements while prioritizing their safety and privacy. While most images are taken in good faith, it is essential to establish guidelines to prevent misuse and ensure a secure environment for all swimmers. This policy outlines the appropriate use of photography and videography within our club.

Photography Guidelines

- Photos or videos of athletes under 18 may only be published (on a notice board, website, social media, or in articles/videos) with prior parental consent.
- Parents/guardians have the right to refuse consent for photography without affecting their child's participation in club activities or competitions.
- Provide clear procedures for reporting and addressing bullying incidents.
- For meets or events where an official photographer is present, all attending parents will be informed in advance, and an option to withhold consent will be provided.

All photographs must adhere to appropriate standards of decency, specifically:

- Images should highlight athletic performance and not be sexualized in any way.
- Action shots should not capture torn or displaced swimsuits.
- No photos should be taken from behind the starting blocks or while a swimmer is exiting the pool.
- Photography is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and bathrooms.

Photography Consent

Westtown Aquatics may take individual or group photos of swimmers under 18 during club activities. These images may be used for club-related purposes, including:

- Club website (secure sections)
- Newspaper articles
- · Club notice boards
- Video for training purposes only

Parents/guardians must provide written consent for any of the above uses.

Photography Consent Form Details

Parents will be required to complete a consent form, indicating whether they approve or decline permission for their child's images to be used. This form is embedded in team registration and will be retained by club leadership upon submission.

