



## CROSS ISLAND YMCA BARRACUDAS PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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### **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.

### **SUGGESTED 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 or bathrooms.



CROSS ISLAND YMCA BARRACUDAS 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 secure website

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

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Consent given

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Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club notice boards ☐

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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## RELEASE

From time to time, the YMCA of Greater New York (the "YMCA") takes pictures or records videos of members and non-members participating in YMCA programs, using its facilities, or attending one of its special events. Additionally, the YMCA may permit members of the media (the "Media") to take such pictures or record such videos in order to promote the YMCA's charitable mission and for other journalistic purposes. The individual person named below is signing this Release for the purposes of allowing the YMCA and the Media to use one or more such photographs, video recordings, and/or sound recordings (collectively, "Recordings") of such person for any purpose consistent with the YMCA's charitable mission, which includes, but is not limited to, the YMCA or the Media publishing such Recordings in newspapers, web sites, and other print or electronic publications, on television, or on the radio. By signing this Release, such person acknowledges that he or she has freely consented to be photographed, filmed, or otherwise recorded and has signed this Release of his or her own free will. If the person named below is under age 18, a parent or guardian of such person must sign on such person's behalf.

1. I agree that I am willing to be photographed, filmed, or otherwise recorded by the YMCA, its contractors, and the Media, either individually or as part of a group Recording, which may include my image, likeness, and/or voice. I further agree that my name may be used to identify me as a subject of any Recordings featuring my image, likeness, and/or voice.
2. I understand that the YMCA will own all rights in the Recordings of me that the YMCA or a YMCA contractor takes or records ("YMCA Recordings"), and that the YMCA will have the exclusive right to use, or allow others to use, such YMCA Recordings in any medium for any purpose consistent with the YMCA's charitable mission as determined by the YMCA.
3. I understand that the Media will own all rights in the Recordings of me that the Media takes or records ("Media Recordings"), and that the Media will have the exclusive right to use, or allow others to use, such Media Recordings in any medium for any lawful purpose.
4. I understand that I am waiving any and all rights that may preclude the YMCA's or the Media's use of the Recordings as described above.
5. I acknowledge that neither the YMCA nor the Media has any obligation to use any Recordings of me or to use such Recordings for any particular purpose.
6. I understand that I will receive no monetary payment or other compensation in exchange for the rights to use Recordings of me.

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Signature

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Date

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Name (printed)

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Name of Parent/Guardian (if applicable)

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Mailing Address

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Telephone Number (optional)

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Email Address (optional)

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