



FREEDOM AQUATICS 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 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 to 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.



Photography/ Video Consent Form/ Waiver

I grant permission to Freedom Aquatics, its coaches, directors and designee the right to take photographs and video footage of my child(ren), swimmer(s) and family members in connection with the various practices, clinics, dry land training and events. I authorize Freedom Aquatics, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I acknowledge that since participation in publications, print and websites produced by Freedom Aquatics is voluntary, neither the minor children nor I will receive financial compensation. I agree that the Freedom Aquatics may use such photographs and video footage without a name attached for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Freedom Aquatics's website content during or after the period of participation with Freedom Aquatics to promote the success of Freedom Aquatics. I understand that photographing or recording video footage of practice activities is not allowed. I also understand that my child(ren) may be captured in photos and videos from other parents or spectators and that Freedom Aquatics is not responsible for the personal use of these photos or videos.

As the parent/caregiver of _____

I allow the following:

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

☐ Consent given ☐ Consent refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

☐ Consent given ☐ Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club notice boards

☐ Consent given ☐ Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

☐ Consent given ☐ Consent refused

Signed: _____

Dated: _____



Please return this form to: _____