



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.

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 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. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.

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.





As part of the Ad Astra Area Aquatics communication process, the team maintains a web site and periodically prints newsletters and statistics or provides information to news organizations. This form documents how you want your swimmer's information handled.

Please read and sign below. Indicate YES or NO where appropriate:

1. I hereby authorize the use of still photographs taken at swim meets or other swim team functions. I recognize these photos may be posted on the team website, Facebook, or other social media outlet or used by news media in covering swimming events.

Yes or No

2. I understand that no personal demographic information will be posted on the team web site in conjunction with these photos.

Yes or No

3. I hereby grant permission to post swimming-related statistics and information on the team website, the team newsletter and/or to provide this information to the news media.

Yes or No

4. I understand that neither my swimmer nor I will receive payment or other compensation for the use of such photos or statistics.

Yes or No

5. I understand that information listed on the LSC or USA Swimming web site regarding my child is not posted by the club.

Yes or No

6. I authorize Ad Astra Area Aquatics, LSC, and USA Swimming to use our contact information in a club roster.

Yes or No

7. I hereby release Ad Astra Area Aquatics, the LSC or USA Swimming from any and all liability in connection with the above said uses and purposes.

Yes or No

Swimmer's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

