



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.

SUGGESTED POLICIES

1. A parent or guardian has a right to not have their children participate in official team photography. The exercise of this right cannot be used as grounds for refusing participation. A form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent to be photographed follows.
2. Non-official photographs of groups of swimmers are sometimes taken by participants and their families for submission to the team website and/or social media. Parents may request these photos be removed using the same form. Photos of this nature posted on personal accounts are not the responsibility of KC Blue Wave Swim Team.
3. Failure to provide formal refusal will be considered consent to be photographed and have the swimmers likeness used or posted in team materials.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending will be made aware of this in the meet information.

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.



KC Blue Wave may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) or video of swimmers that may include your child during their membership in the club. All photography will be taken and published in line with club policy. Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed. The club requires formal refusal of consent to be excluded from team photographs or removed from posted materials.

As the parent/caregiver of _____

I do not consent to my child being:

☐ Photographed

☐ Video Taped

for use in any virtual or hard copy materials.

AND/OR

I formally request that the following image be removed from use on the listed platforms

Image(s): _____

Platform(s): _____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to: Coach Brent Graham