



# Raleigh Swimming Association

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## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

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### PURPOSE

There has been considerable discussion regarding the safety of photography and videography of youth sports participants. While most 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. At RSA, we strive to ensure any photos or videography conform to generally accepted decency standards, [MAAPP 2.0](#), and RSA's Photography Policy.

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.
- Still photographs should be taken 'above the waist.'
- Photographs should not be taken from behind the athlete.
- Photographs should not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit an athlete climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs should not include any hand signals or manipulatives with derogatory connotations.
- **Photographs and videography should not be taken in locker rooms or bathrooms.**

The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under eighteen (18) years old, either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording, including video streaming of swimming competitions, is not allowed without parental or guardian consent.

A parent or guardian has the right to refuse to have children photographed or videoed. 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 RSA or an official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying.

RSA provides a form for parents/guardians to document consent to and/or refusal of photography. This form may be found [here](#). In the absence of the form, the acceptance of the Photography Policy in the Swim Team Registration is accepted as consent to the following types of photography or videography:

- Take photographs to use on RSA's secure website
- Take photographs to include with newspaper articles
- Take photographs to use on RSA notices/marketing materials
- Video for training purposes only

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, parents and guardians are advised of the photographer in the Meet Itinerary. **If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent or guardian may withhold consent by notifying the host club and/or the RSA coaching staff in writing.**