



## MSC 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.

### POLICY

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 which is obtained during the online registration process each swim season.
  - Consent form on website: I hereby grant permission to the **Minot Swim Club** to take and use photographs, digital images, or videotape of my child for use in promotional or educational materials such as printed or electronic publications or presentations and the MSC Website, Facebook pages and Instagram. I agree that my child’s identity will not be revealed.
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 during the online registration process. If this permission is revoked, it is required to be, in writing using the form below.
3. 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.



### ***MSC Photography Right to Refuse Form***

I understand that if I give notice to the Website Administrator that I object to any picture or video on the website, it will be removed as soon as possible. I authorize the use of these materials indefinitely without compensation to me.

I understand that I have the right to refuse Minot Swim Club to take and use photographs, digital images, or recording of my child for use in promotional or educational materials such as printed or electronic publications or presentations and the MSC Website or Facebook pages. If I refuse, it is my responsibility to inform the Minot Swim Club of that choice by using the form below.

As the parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_

I refuse the following:

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

Consent refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper article

Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club notice boards

Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent refused

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Minot Swim Club Administrator or email [minotswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:minotswimclub@gmail.com)