

BGSC 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.

BGSC 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 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, preferably in writing. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.
3. We also adhere to the rules and regulations that Bowling Green State University as set in place.

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.

BGCS Photography Consent Form (2025-2026 seasons)

BOWLING GREEN SWIM CLUB may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership in the club. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy. The club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.

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: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to: Carolyn Strunk – bgscgatorsheadcoach@gmail.com

(or send to first day of practice with your swimmer)

Authorization for Use of Athlete's Pictures to Promote BGSC and all associated high school swimming and diving programs

The Bowling Green Swim Club of Bowling Green, Ohio is hereby authorized to use pictures or photographic images of me or my athlete/s to promote BGSC by reprinting pictures, or providing copies of the pictures, for reprinting in newspapers, magazines, brochures, and other publications including, but not limited to the BGSC website, BGSC Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, and submission to newspapers. Parents sign this form ONCE from 9/1/2025-8/31/2026.

Print Parent Name (neatly): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athlete Name/s: _____