

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 commonsense procedures are not observed.

POLICIES

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 sport in 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 swim suit.
- 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.

The CAC Seahawks may wish to take photographs (individuals 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. All photographers - volunteer or paid, are required:

- to have a background check
- complete USA Swimming's Safe Sport Athlete Protection Training

Parents have a right to request a photo of their child be removed from our club's secure website or any social media owned by Cincinnati Aquatic Club, see page 2 for opt out form.

As the parent/caregiver of _____, I opt out of the following: (please check each option to opt out)

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website.

_____ Consent refused

Take photographs to include on social media and marketing materials

_____ Consent refused

Take photographs to use on Seahawk Talk Newsletter.

_____ Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

_____ Consent refused

Athlete Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to: Cincinnati Aquatic Club Safe Sport Coordinator (Jessi Thomas)

