

## **FIRESTONE AKRON SWIM TEAM PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

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### **PURPOSE**

To ensure the safety and privacy of children participating in sports. To establish rules and consent for sharing images to protect against inappropriate use of photography.

### **POLICIES**

1. The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on social media or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”) and for the promotion of Firestone Akron Swim Team will 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 social media, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent per the attached form before publishing/displaying the photo.

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.

FAST 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.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent/legal guardian of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and hereby grant **Firestone Akron Swim Team** the consent for the following:

To use my swimmer's name, comments, photograph, and likeness in order to promote the **Firestone Akron Swim Team** via the team's social media and team website.

\_\_\_\_ Consent                      \_\_\_\_ Do not consent

To be interviewed and photographed by journalists to answer questions about his/her involvement in the Firestone Akron Swim Team via phone or in person.

\_\_\_\_ Consent                      \_\_\_\_ Do not consent

To allow professional photography of my swimmer's name and photograph at outside meets not hosted by FAST to be used on social media and journalistic sites for the promotion of **Firestone Akron Swim Team**.

\_\_\_\_ Consent                      \_\_\_\_ Do not consent