

LA GRANDE SWIM CLUB 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.

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.

PARENTS RIGHT TO REFUSE

1. As part of the La Grande Swim Club communication and publicity process, the team maintains a web site and periodically provides information to news organizations.
2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. La Grande Swim Club provides a Photography Consent Form on our website under “Documents” that any parent may complete and return to the President of the club to decline photography of your child. Unless consent is specifically refused using this form, photographs of your child may be taken for use on the club website or by news organizations. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy.