



Buenaventura Swim Club  
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## 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 common-sense procedures are not observed.

### POLICY

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. 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 only be posted if parental consent has been given. This includes race videos and technical videos. If at any time a photo is posted that a parent wants removed, simply contact a Coach or Board Member and we will immediately remove the photo.

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. The 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 cannot be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swim suit.
- Photographs cannot be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs cannot be taken in locker rooms or bathrooms.

Parents, if you do not want your child's picture/video taken and placed on the team website and or social media outlets, please sign this document and return it to the swim office. If you do not sign this form, you are giving Buenaventura Swim Club consent to use pictures and videos for team content.

Swimmer  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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