



GREATER PENSACOLA AQUATIC CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY POLICY

I. PURPOSE

Athletes, especially minors, have a right to privacy, and photography policies help ensure that their personal space and activities are not captured without their parent's consent.

A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have their athlete photographed. To protect this right, Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club (GPAC) has developed the following policy and guidelines regarding photography/videography.

II. GPAC PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY POLICIES

1. **No photographs/videos, at any time, can be taken behind the blocks** at swim practice or swim meets.
2. 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 should only be done with parents' consent.
3. A parent or guardian has a right of refusal 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 otherwise publicized, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing.
4. **No photography/videography is permitted during GPAC swim practice.** Limited exceptions may exist where consent has been provided to coaches to record a swimmer for use as a training aid.
5. Photography/videography taken at meets from the spectator areas should not interfere with the official performance, duties of any coach, officer, club/facility employee, or volunteer in a role supporting the swim competition.

III. GUIDELINES

All photographs/videos must observe generally accepted standards of decency. In particular:

1. Action shots must be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
2. Action shots may not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
3. Photographs may not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
4. Photographs may not be taken in locker rooms or bathrooms.

IV. RELATED POLICIES

- US Center for Safe Sport MAAPP Policy
- GPAC Name and Likeness Release Policy
- GPAC Social Media Ownership Policy