



## Photography Policy

### PURPOSE

There has been much discussion 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.

### GENERAL POLICY

Members of SASO agree to the publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on the team website, social media or other promotional pieces or media.

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. SASO hereby informs parents and swimmers of the team that photos that may go to press or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer. Parents have the right of refusal if they do not wish photos of their swimmer to be used.

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.

All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- 1 Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- 2 Action shots will not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swim suit.
- 3 Photographs will 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 will not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

SASO may wish to take photographs (individually 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. Members of SASO agree to use and publication of any photo or video material.

**If you wish NOT to have your swimmers photograph included, please fill out and return the following:**

As the parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT GRANT PERMISSION FOR the following:

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

Take photographs to use on club promotion, including the team website, social media and other media outlets related to SASO Swimming.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_