

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.

POLICIES

1. 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 (“publication”) should only be done with parents’ consent per the attached form.
2. 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 on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.

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. Their 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 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.

Photography Waiver Form

I am granting permission to the Ocean Community YMCA to allow the Dolphin Swim Team and its representatives to photograph and/or video the children listed below both under and/or above the water's surface.

I understand that these videotapes, photographs or any byproducts of these processes will remain the property of the Ocean Community YMCA, that they will not be released, copied or distributed to any individuals outside of the YMCA swim team staff or contracted vendors but that they may be posted online to the team Facebook and Instagram accounts.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the swim coaches or aquatics director. Thank you as always for swimming with us!

Note: One form per family

Name of Swimmer(s): _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

If you do NOT want pictures or videos of the children listed above posted to the team Facebook or Instagram accounts, please sign here:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____