

Allegheny Mountain Swimming Photography Policy

All Allegheny Mountain sanctioned events are considered public access, unless otherwise noted. The general public is allowed the use photographic equipment for recreational and entertainment purposes. The use of personal photographic equipment by non-documented and amateur photographers is prohibited on deck and in any areas denoted as no access zones. These no access zones would include changing areas, locker rooms, bathrooms, areas behind the starting blocks, and areas not open to the public, in addition to areas marked by the venue or meet host. The use of any picture, photograph, video, reproduction, or other information concerning the events other than for news coverage of, or magazines, books or stories about, the events is prohibited, except with the prior written consent of Allegheny Mountain Swimming from the General Chair or designee. All participants are deemed to agree to be filmed and or photographed by Allegheny Mountain Swimming within reasonable boundaries and to allow event organizers the right to use pictures and likenesses before, during, or after the period of participation in Allegheny Mountain Swimming sanctioned events to promote such events.

Allegheny Mountain On Deck Photography Conditions

All photographs and photographers must observe generally accepted standards of decency. These standards must take into account the potential for persons who have not reached the age of legal consent to be present and a potential subject. In particular:

Action shots must be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.

Action shots must not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swim suit.

Photographs are prohibited, if they can be reasonably interpreted or viewed to show any swimmer in a degrading or compromised light.

Photographs are expressly prohibited from being taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibiting a swimmer climbing out of the swimming pool.

Photographs, photographic equipment and photographers are prohibited behind the starting blocks.

Photographs, photographic equipment and photographers are prohibited in athlete locker-rooms, any changing areas or bathrooms.

Photographs, photographic equipment and photographers are prohibited in non-public areas or areas marked by the venue.

Photographers on deck shall remain on the sides or turn end of the pool. Any photographer who does not observe this rule may be removed.

Photographers must have credentials on display on their person and on file with the venue.

On deck photographers will defer completely to the wishes of the on-deck officials.

Background checks and security clearances do not authorize or allow circumvention of photography prohibitions and are not a defense to actions contrary to acceptable protocol defined herein.

Strobes: Depending on lighting of the venue, strobe lights may or may not be permitted, with prior approval of the venue, as strobe lights can pose a risk to swimmers on their starts. Strobe lights may be permitted after the start of any race, while the swimmers are in the water. Prior approval of photographers, lights and their placement, must be on file for inspection at the venue.

Persons cablecasting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or webcasting (video streaming) an event shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object. Persons filming or photographing, should be conspicuous and overt in their actions. Persons being filmed have the right to decline inclusion in images taken or published. Use of recordings for use on social media outlets not directly related to promotion of the event or venue in the pursuit of swimming excellence is prohibited.

A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have minor children or refuse to allow adults subject to guardianship 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/guardian consent before publishing/displaying the photo, in writing.

Allegheny Mountain Photographer Requirements

Anyone operating in the capacity of a Meet, Team, of Event photographer shall be a member of USA Swimming.

All registered photographers shall have USA Swimming's Background Check and Athlete Protection Training.

All photographers must clearly display the session deck band and one of the following designating them as meet personal; e.g. pinnie, vest, tee-shirt etc.