# PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address the safety concerns surrounding images taken of children participating in sports. While the great majority of images are appropriate and 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 our website, on social media, on a notice board, in a published article, video recording (including video streaming of swimming competitions), or any other manner (“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 Publication should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where we have an official photographer present, all parents attending should be made aware of this in the meet information. If photos are to be Published, 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, including:

* 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.