

WETT SWIM CLUB MODEL PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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, or have not been taken with the subject's approval and children can be put at risk.

1. The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board, social media platform, web content or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions, team events, practices, or gatherings should only be done with parents' consent per the hereto attached form.
2. 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. Therefore, any photo that may go to press (aka: on a notice board, social media platform, web content or in a published article or video recording) 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 attached hereto.

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 parent/legal guardian 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:

- 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.
- 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.

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Photography Consent Form

WETT Swim Club may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of the swimmers. WETT Swim Club requires parental consent to take and make use of photographs for any swimmer under the age of 18. Parent/legal guardian/caregiver should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent by indicating position on this consent form. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy.

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.

As the parent/caregiver of _____, I allow the following:

- Take photographs to use on the club' secure website

Consent given Consent refused

- Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

Consent given Consent refused

- Take photographs to use on club notice boards

Consent given Consent refused

- Video for training purposes only

Consent given Consent refused

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to WETT Safe Sport Coordinator, wettswimclub@gmail.com