**ROCKET SWIMMINGPHOTOGRAPHY 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 and children can be put at risk if common-sense procedures are not observed. Rocket Swimming wants to ensure that any photos taken during our activities (practice, meets, team events) are used appropriately and with the consent of parents.

**SUGGESTED POLICIES**

1. The publishing of a photograph or video of swimmers under 18 either social media, team website or team marketing will only be done with parents’ consent per the attached form.
2. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed.

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

* Action shots should be a of the sporting activity including celebration.
* Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swim suit.
* 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.

***Rocket Swimming Photography Consent Form***

The Rocket Swimming program (AAU and/or USA) may wish to take photographs (individual 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. The club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

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’s secure website

Consent given Consent refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

Consent given Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club social media (Facebook and Instagram)

Consent given Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent given Consent refused

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

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Please return this form to [scarockets@gmail.com](mailto:scarockets@gmail.com) OR hand to a coach on the pool deck