

## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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### **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.

### **BLUE DOLPHINS TEAM PICTURE POLICIES**

**A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have their child photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. Any photo, which falls under team guidelines, of your swimmer may be published from workouts, team functions, swim meets, and other team sponsored events. If you choose to opt your swimmer out of team photos, please do so by submitting the form below.**

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.

**REFUSAL FORM**

THE BLUE DOLFINS 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 that parents submit this refusal form to your coach in order to refuse having their child photographed.

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

As the parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_ I refuse the following

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

Consent refused

Take photos for articles

Consent refused

Use on club notice boards

Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent refused

PLEASE RECOGNIZE ABOVE BY SIGNING \_\_\_\_\_