

US Aquatics Club Photography Policies

USAC recognizes the desire for family and friends to capture images of their relatives participating in sports. Most of the photos are taken in good faith; however, it is also important to note that images can be misused, and athletes can be put at risk if commonsense procedures are not observed.

USAC recommends that all photographs meet 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.
- Photos should not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photos should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

USAC will notify parents of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be allowed to withhold their consent.

USAC recommends that parents adhere to the following guidelines in determining whether to consent to their athletes being photographed:

- Parents or guardians should agree to the publishing of a photograph of swimmers under 18 either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”).
- Parents or guardians have the right to refuse to have their athletes photographed. The 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 consent before publishing/displaying it, preferably in writing.

US Aquatics Club Photography Consent Form

US Aquatics Club 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 notice boards

Consent given Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent given Consent refused

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to: _____