

New Hope Crystal Plymouth Swim Club (NHCP) Team Photography Policy

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 commonsense procedures are not observed.

TEAM POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”) should only be done with parent/guardian consent. A parent or guardian has the right to refuse for their child’s image to be used by the club. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. If parent/guardian does not consent to NHCP using their swimmers’ image, video or audio clip on the NHCP website or other official sites or in other local publications, they must sign and submit the opt out form found on page two of this document. This form must be submitted each year.

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 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.

New Hope Crystal Plymouth Swim Club Photography Opt-out Form

New Hope Crystal Plymouth Swim Club may wish to publish images or videos (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership in the club. These may be posted on the club's website, in newspaper articles, in social media, and other club notice boards.

All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy. The club requires parental consent to use images. Parent/guardian grants consent for NHCP to use of their swimmer's image when receiving this policy.

Parents and guardians have a right to withhold consent for the club to publish their child's image. **If parent/guardian REFUSES consent to publish their swimmer's image please sign, date, and return form as noted below:**

As the parent/caregiver of _____ I deny NHCP consent to post images of said swimmer:

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Signed forms can be submitted via email to <mailto:president@nhcpswimclub.org>.