

# **MINNETONKA SWIM CLUB**

## **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 common-sense procedures are not observed.

### **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 parents' consent which is assumed per the 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 or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is attached.

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 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.
- Be kind

## **Photography Consent Form**

Minnetonka Swim 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. Consent will be assumed unless the following is filled out and returned to the Minnetonka Aquatic Club office at MME. Questions? Contact Aquatic Director John Bradley at 952-401-5226 or by email at [john.bradley@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:john.bradley@minnetonkaschools.org).

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

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I revoke the ability of the Minnetonka Swim Club to do the following:

Take photographs to use on the club's website:

- Consent refused

Take photographs to include with banquet slideshow:

- Consent refused

Take photographs to use in club advertisements:

- Consent refused

Take video for training purposes:

- Consent refused

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_