

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

The Dolphins Swim Team ("Club") acknowledges 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.

The Dolphins uses photos and videos of swim team members taken during swim practice, competitions, and social events in team publications including, but not limited to, the team website and the team's social media channels. By signing your child up as a member of the Helena Dolphins Swim Team you are agreeing that photos and videos of your child can be used. At any time, a parent or guardian of an athlete may request in writing that photographs of their child may not be used. Unless a parent or guardian opts out of this policy in writing, photographs and video of all swimmers may appear on social media, in the media, website, or in other publications of HDST.

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 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

Consent Form

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed. As the parent/guardian of _____ I allow HDST the following:

- Take photographs to use on the club's secure website
- Take photographs to include with newspaper articles
- Take photographs to use on club notice boards or advertisements
- Take photographs to use on club's social media accounts
- Video for training purposes or of swimming competitions

Signed: _____ Date: _____