



SPRINGFIELD AQUATICS PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Springfield Aquatics strives to ensure swimmer safety during workouts, practices and meets. The following serve as standards and guidelines for still and video images. These guidelines do not apply to images obtained for training purposes such as video of starts and/or underwater swimming cameras. These guidelines apply to SPA members and coaches during meets and practices that take place at Breech Pool and to SPA members while attending meets and events at other pools and venues.

SPA Guidelines for Publication

- Action shots will not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs will not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs will not be taken in locker rooms or bathrooms.
- Photographs shall not be taken during daily training sessions which could involve the capture of other swimmers in the pool.

Personal Use

SPA recognizes that families photograph their swimmers. Considering our ability to broadcast images to a wide audience, we ask that you photograph and share images responsibly. While most images are taken in good-faith, misuse is possible. SPA encourages friends and family members to make every effort to photograph only their swimmer while avoiding capturing images of other swimmers. Where it is not possible, individuals should seek to obtain consent from necessary parties. SPA is not responsible for images posted by individuals to personal social media accounts.

Refusal of Consent

- Consent/Refusal must be obtained in writing.
- Parental/guardian consent must be obtained before an image of a swimmer may be published. This includes images for use on a notice board, newsletter, e-newsletter, published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions, club-managed social media accounts, and/or the SPA website.
- A parent/guardian has the right to refuse consent. Refusal of consent may not be used to discriminate against or penalize a swimmer in any way, including access to swimming competitions.
- Consent may be withdrawn at any time in writing to a board member.
- In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, refer to meet information.

SPRINGFIELD AQUATICS PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM

Springfield Aquatics may wish to take still and video images (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child/swimmer during his or her membership in the club. All photos will be taken and published in accordance with SPA Photography Policy. The club requires parental/guardian consent to take and/or use still or video images of swimmers.

Parents/guardians have the right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.

As the parent/caregiver of _____,

I (circle one:) **CONSENT/REFUSE** to the use of still and video images of my child/swimmer as outlined in Springfield Aquatics Photography Policy.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Please return this form to a designated SPA coach or any board member.