



## **HILLSBOROUGH AQUATIC CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

Hillsborough Aquatic Club is very proud of its athletes and volunteers. 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. HAC's photography policies are intended as a guideline to allow appropriate commemoration of events, daily practices and celebrations while protecting athletes from abuse.

### **POLICIES**

1. The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board, the team website or social media, or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions ("publication") should only be done with parents' consent.
2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have their child(ren) photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition.
3. In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, good faith efforts will be made to make parents aware in the meet information packet.
4. All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency; for example:
  - a. Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
  - b. Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swim suit.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Photographs should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.