**SAILFISH 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.

# OUR 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 included in our registration process (parents/guardians can choose to allow pictures or not)
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, preferably in writing. Parental/Guardian consent for photos/videos is included in our registration process and you can choose to allow photos/videos or not)

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending will be made aware of this in our meet information. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent will 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 swimsuit.
* 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.

Below are the 2 forms included in our registration process allowing parent/guardians to decide if their child’s photos/videos can be taken. By checking the box below the release you are allowing photos/videos and by not checking the box you are not allowing photos/videos.

**OPTIONAL** PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE for Sailfish Swimming Team Slide Show, secure website, and training purposes

Sailfish Swim Team may take pictures/videos to be used in the team's end of season slide show, on our secure website and for training purposes. Parents/Guardians of our swimmers have the right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.

**BY CHECKING THE BOX FOR THIS POLICY YOUR ARE PROVIDING YOUR CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD’S PHOTO/VIDEO TO BE USED BY THE TEAM FOR THE TEAM SLIDE SHOW, SECURE WEBSITE AND TRAINING PURPOSES.**

**\*\*If you DO NOT want your child photographed DO NOT CHECK THE BOX and you will opt out of having your child’s photo’s used for the team slide show, secure website and training purposes.**

By registering my child(ren) with Sailfish Swim Team and accepting this waiver, I authorize Sailfish Swimming to publish photographs of myself and/or the minor child or children I am registering, and our names and likenesses, for use in the Sailfish Swimming's team slide show, secure website and for training purposes.
I hereby release and hold harmless Sailfish Swimming from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself and for the minor child(ren) being registered here associated with the images specified above. Further, I attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) being registered and that I have full authority to consent and authorize Sailfish Swimming to use their likenesses and names.
I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and I can refuse agreement for my child to be photographed and that neither I, the minor child(ren) will receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in company marketing materials or other Sailfish Swimming publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.
I hereby release Sailfish Swimming, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Sailfish Swimming publications, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of my registered child(ren).

**OPTIONAL** PHOTO RELEASE for newspapers

Sailfish Swim Team may take pictures will be included in newspaper articles.

**BY CHECKING THE BOX FOR THIS POLICY YOUR ARE PROVIDING YOUR CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD’S PHOTO TO BE USED BY THE TEAM TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.**

**\*\*If you DO NOT want your child photographed DO NOT CHECK THE BOX and you will opt out of having your child’s photos used for newspaper articles.**
By registering my child(ren) with Sailfish Swim Team, I authorize Sailfish Swimming to publish photographs of myself and/or the minor child or children I am registering, and our names and likenesses, for use in the Sailfish Swimming team's newspaper articles.
I hereby release and hold harmless Sailfish Swimming from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself and for the minor child(ren) being registered here associated with the images specified above. Further, I attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) being registered and that I have full authority to consent and authorize Sailfish Swimming to use their likenesses and names.
I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and I can refuse agreement for my child to be photographed and that neither I, the minor child(ren) will receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in company marketing materials or other Sailfish Swimming publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.
I hereby release Sailfish Swimming, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Sailfish Swimming publications, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of my registered child(ren).