WEBSTER SWIM ASSOCIATION, INC.
(Webster Blue Fins)
PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

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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. Webster Swim Association, Inc. (the "Blue Fins") adopts this policy to comply with USA Swimming requirements as well as to establish a clear policy regarding the Blue Fins policies and procedures relating to photos and images taken during practices, swim meets and other Blue Fins events.

(1) The Blue Fins will not publish images of any swimmer in any medium including, but not limited to the Blue Fins website, social media sites, newsletters, email communications, published articles or video recordings without the written consent of the swimmer or the swimmer's parent or legal guardian.

(2) A swimmer or a parent/legal guardian of a swimmer has a right to not sign a consent to allow the Blue Fins to use a swimmer's image or likeness photographed or recorded and such refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition.

For purposes of this policy, video recordings do not include video of Blue Fins swim meets that are live streamed. The Blue Fins will include a notice in any swim meet announcement if the event may be live streamed.

This policy does not prohibit the Blue Fins from having an official photographer or videographer at a Blue Fins event. The Blue Fins will notify all participants in the meet package or event information.

All photographs, video recordings or live stream video must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots will be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- Action shots will not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs, video recordings and live stream video will not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a swimmer climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs will not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

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

If you would like to opt out of the photography policy please contact President@wsabluefins.com.