**AAA 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.

# AAA POLICY

1. The publishing of a team arranged 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”) will only be done with parents’ consent per the attached form.
2. A parent or guardian has the right to refuse to have children photographed for team purposes. The exercise of this right of refusal will not be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. Therefore, any team arranged photo that may go to press or be placed on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, will receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, through the attached form.

\*In the case of open meets and other competitions AAA may attend, where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending ***should*** be made aware of this in the meet information. Please read meet information carefully and contact AAA Safe Sport Coordinator, Jennifer Milburn, if you have questions or concerns. If photos are to be published anywhere, the parents should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent.

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.

**AAA Photography Consent Form**

Albany Aquatic Association may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership in the club. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy. The club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

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

As the parent/caregiver of

I allow the following

Take photographs to use on the club’s secure website Consent given  Consent refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles Consent given  Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club notice boards Consent given  Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

 Consent given  Consent refused

Signed:

Dated:

Please return this form to: Steve Lane, Treasurer, Albany Aquatics