

BELLINGHAM BAY SWIM TEAM CLUB PHOTOGRAPH POLICY



PURPOSE

To protect the swimmers on BBST by ensuring appropriate use of any photographs/videos through policies and procedures aimed at minimizing the risk of misuse.

PHOTOGRAPH POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph or video recording (including video streaming) of swimmers under age 18 will only be done in an official BBST/PNS/USA swimming capacity. This includes notice boards, flyers, press releases, articles, BBST Facebook page, BBST Twitter, BBST Team Website (www.bellinghambayswimteam.org), PNS publications, or other USA Swimming publications.
2. Publishing of photographs or video recording of swimmer under age 18 will only be done by a BBST staff or board member, BBST Photographer, or BBST Social Media Coordinator for official BBST business. Other parties wishing to use photographs with swimmers shall request written consent from the swimmer's parent or guardian.
3. Photos/videos taken for instructional purposes will be done by a BBST staff member only and parents have the right to request to view such photographs or videos.
4. Photos/videos taken in an official BBST manner are property of BBST and parents consent to the use of photos/videos of their children unless a Photography Opt-Out Form has been completed.
5. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed at any time and for any reason regardless of previous consent and without explanation. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition or other event.
6. All photographs/videos 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 swim suit.
 - Photographs/videos 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/videos will not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

Photography Opt-Out Form

BBST may wish to take photographs or videos (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 offers parents the right to refuse consent.

As the parent/caregiver of _____ I exercise my right to refuse the following:

- Photographs to be published on BBST’s secure website
- Photographs or videos to be published on BBST’s Facebook page or Twitter account
- Photographs to be published with newspaper articles
- Photographs to be published on BBST club notice boards or flyers
- Photographs or videos to be used for instructional purposes

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return this form to BBST Team Administrator or mail to P.O. Box 5821 Bellingham, WA 98227