



CAPITAL AREA AQUATICS PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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.

POLICIES

Capital Area Aquatics (“CAA”) may occasionally publish photographs or videos (“publications”) of swimmers on its official website and official social media platforms.

CAA staff members and coaches may occasionally use video as a teaching and training tool and resource to show an athlete his/her stroke as part of their overall development and learning, and as a way of teaching and refining stroke and swimming technique. Video of strokes may be taken at practices or at swim meets, for teaching and training purposes.

A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have children photographed by a member of the club or official photographer. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition, practice, or team event.

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 the meet information. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent, to the extent possible.

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 shall not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.



Photography Consent Form

Capital Area Aquatics 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 and videos will comply with club policy. Agreement to this policy is made by parents/guardians during the official online registration process for each swim season.

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed by signing and returning this agreement to the Club. Changes will become effective as of the date this form is received by the club.

As the parent/guardian of _____ I allow the following:

Take photographs to use on the Club's official website

Consent given Consent refused

Take photographs to include on the Club's official social media platforms

Consent given Consent refused

Video for training purposes only (ie, to provide coach feedback during practices and meets)

Consent given Consent refused

Video to use on the Club's official website

Consent given Consent refused

Video to use on the Club's official social media channels and platforms

Consent given Consent refused

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Swimmer Name

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