



COAST GUARD BLUE DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide safe instructions on how 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.

1. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 years of age either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”) must be done with parents’ consent provided with the CGBD Photography Permission Form.
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, must receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo. Parents or guardians may indicate refusal of consent on the CGBD Photography Permission form.
3. In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending should be made aware of this in the meet information.
 - If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent must be given the opportunity to withhold their consent.
 - Parent’s or guardian’s right to do so should be specifically drawn to their attention.
4. 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 swim suit.
 - 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.