

# CAVALIER AQUATICS PHOTOGRAPHY/MEDIA 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 commonsense procedures are not observed.

## POLICIES

1. The publishing of a 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") should only be done with parents' consent per the attached 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, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing.

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 your meet information.

If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent. Their right to do so should be specifically drawn to their attention. 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.

**TEAM PHOTO CONSENT FORM**

One of the ways that we celebrate our team and swimmer achievements is via photography and/or video. We, Cavalier Aquatics are committed to ensuring that even as we recognize our accomplishments, we also protect your swimmer (s).

Cavalier Aquatics uses photographs and video (individuals, groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership with our club. All photographs will be taken and published in line with the club policy.

The club requires parental/guardian consent to take and use those images. Parents and guardians have a right to refuse photographing/video graphing their child.

I am the parent/guardian of (include First and Last name for each child):

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For the child/children listed above, I give permissions:

<b>PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENT</b>	<b>Consent Given</b>	<b>Consent Refused</b>
Take photograph/ video to use on Club's website		
Take photograph /video to use on Club's social media		
Take photograph /video to use on Club's notice boards		
Video for training purposes only.		
Submit images/video to Cavalier Aquatics for use on Digital media: website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter		

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Parent Signature Date

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Printed Name