

West Texas Swimming Children's Online Privacy Protection Policy

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), effective April 21, 2000 applies to the online collection of personal information from children under 13. The new rules spell out what responsibilities a Web site operator has to comply with

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the enforcing authority.

COPPA applies to individually identifiable information about a child that is collected online, such as full name, home address, email address, telephone number or any other information that would allow someone to identify or contact the child.

In order to comply with COPPA, West Texas Swimming Inc. (WTSI) adheres to the following policies regarding its website. All swim clubs that are members of West Texas Swimming, Inc., should follow the same guidelines.

WTSI has 3 persons authorized to collect and publish information on the WTSI website at any given time. These people can always be contacted directly, with any parental concerns with a copy to all three admins through the "Contact Us" tab on www.teamunify.com/wts. These 3 admins are the General Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Registration Chair of West Texas Swimming, Inc.

WTSI does not permit advertising on its website for events or causes, that charge a fee or require a purchase or membership signup other than those programs sponsored by USA or WT Swimming.

No information is collected on our WTSI website that would include full name, home address, email address, telephone number or any other type of information that would allow someone to identify or contact the child.

WTSI does not permit the posting of photographs on our website that contain more than 2 identifying bits of information (example - swimmer's cap may show partial or full last name and team - no other identifiable information is given) The Federal suggested guideline is no more than 3 identifying markers.

WTSI does not use social media (example: chat rooms, forums, etc.) through our website that could result in the release of identifying information.

WTSI does not collect identifiable tracking information such as "cookies".

No personal information from a child, will be collected, used or disclosed without verifiable parental consent.

WTSI does not disclose to any third parties, other than USA Swimming, information regarding athletes. This includes the news media and marketing .

Parents may request that any posted photograph, or any other information, be removed from the WTSI website if they feel it is too identifiable.

WTSI and WT Swimming clubs do use information collected regarding children in the course of administering the sport of competitive swimming in Texas. For registration purposes, information is transmitted to USA Swimming, the national governing body of swimming.