

CM PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

PURPOSE

There has been much talk about whether it is safe to take images 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.

CM POLICIES

1 - The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18, either on a public notice board or in a published article or video (including video streaming) of swimming competitions should only be done with parents' consent per the attached form.

2 - A parent or guardian has the right to 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 public 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.

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

4 - All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency:

*Action shots should be a celebration of swimming 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 pool.

*Photographs are not permitted in the locker rooms or bathrooms.

