



## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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### 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

1. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 in a published article, on the club website or social media accounts, or in a video recording (including video streaming) of club activities or competitions (“publication”) should only be done with parents’ consent per the attached form.
2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse having their child(ren) photographed. Exercising this right cannot be used as grounds for denying participation in a swimming competition or team activity. Therefore, any photo that may be published or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, must obtain parental consent, preferably in writing, prior to publishing/displaying the photo. A form allowing parents to indicate their refusal of consent follows below.

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 should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.



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### *Photography Consent Form*

TSM may take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 participating in team activities or competitions that may include your child. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy. The club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

Parents have a right to refuse their child being photographed.

As the parent/caregiver/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I allow the following

Take photographs or video to use on the club's secure website, social media accounts, and for other promotional purposes

Consent given

Consent refused

Take photographs to include with articles posted or published by other media outlets

Consent given

Consent refused

Take video for training purposes only

Consent given

Consent refused

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: ***your group coach***