

Wyandotte Wildcats Swim Club
Photography Policy
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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.

CLUB POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under the age of 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 the 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. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.
3. 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.
 - There is to be no flash photography at the start of each race.
 - Photographs should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

CONSENT FORM (attached to registration form)

Wyandotte Wildcats Swim Club may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership in the club. 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 agreement to their child being photographed.

As the parent/caregiver I allow the following:

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website	☐ Consent given	☐ Consent refused
Take photographs to include with newspaper articles	☐ Consent given	☐ Consent refused
Video for training purposes only	☐ Consent given	☐ Consent refused