



Swim GSA Photography Policy

There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating 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.

A parent or guardian has a right of refusal 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 photo, preferably in writing. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow. Parents can also email the business manager, Swim GSA at admin@gsaswim.org, to refuse consent.

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents should be made aware of this in the meet information. If photos are 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 bathing suit.
- Photographs should not be taken from behind the 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.

Swim GSA Photography Consent Form

Swim GSA 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 of _____ I allow the following

Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

Consent given Consent refused

Take photographs to include with flyers and posters

Consent given Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

Consent given Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent given Consent refused

Signed:

Dated:

Please return this form to:
