



Sunrise Swimming Photography Policy

PURPOSE:

There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating in sports. While the great majorities 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 swimmer under 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 parents' consent.
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 Sunrise Swimming or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing.

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 information. If photos are to be 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 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.
- Photographs should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms

Sunrise Swimming – Photography Consent Form

Sunrise Swimming may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include your child during their membership on the team. All photos will be taken and published in line with the club policy. Sunrise Swimming requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed. Please initial below your preferences.

As the parent/caregiver of _____, I agree to the following:

Take photographs to use on Sunrise Swimming website:

_____ Consent given _____ Consent refused

Take photographs to include with newspaper articles:

_____ Consent given _____ Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club notice boards/social media sites:

_____ Consent given _____ Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

_____ Consent given _____ Consent refused

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to Sunrise Swimming Coaching Staff