



STINGRAYS PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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.

STINGRAYS POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph of a 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 per the attached form.
2. Parents or guardians have a right to refuse to have their children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for denying entry into a swimming competition. Therefore, any photo that may go to the press, social media, or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or an official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing to the Head Coach. coachian@stingraysswimming.com

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer, all parents attending should know this in your swim meet information. If photos are to be published anywhere, the parents should be allowed 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 celebrate 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.