



## Colonel Crawford Swim Team Photography Policy

### **PURPOSE**

There has been much discussion 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 swimmer under 18 either on a notice board, published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”) will only be with parents’ consent per the attached form.
2. Registration documentation for the team includes permission for appropriate photographs to be used in a safe manner to promote and celebrate team activity. If a parent or guardian wishes to amend/revoke such permission, please submit the attached form to the Head Coach.
3. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed at events or meets. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. Any photo that may go to press or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, will receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, in writing. The attached form is intended as specific consent for specific events/activities.

In the case of competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending will be made aware of this policy. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent will be given the opportunity to withhold their consent. The right to do so will be specifically drawn to their attention.

All photographs will observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots will be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- Action shots will not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs will not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs will not be taken in locker rooms, bathrooms or any area designated for privacy.



## CONSENT FORM

Colonel Crawford Swim Team may wish to take photographs (individual and 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 for specified events and meets. Please use this form for such specific events and meets.

During your registration process for the team, you also have given overall and generalized permission for appropriate use of photographs to promote and celebrate the team. If you wish to revoke that overall permission, please use this form.

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 newspaper articles

Consent given       Consent refused

Take photographs to use on club notice boards

Consent given       Consent refused

Video for training purposes only

Consent given       Consent refused

All images, for any purposes

Consent refused

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

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

Please return this form to the Head Coach of Colonel Crawford Swim Team

