

Winsford Amateur Swimming Club

Photography and photographing swimmers policy

This policy applies to all photographs taken on film or digital camera (inc. mobile phones) and all sorts of moving pictures including video recording (and video streaming /publication on the internet).

The term 'photography' applies to all media. The term 'video recording' includes video streaming/publication on the internet.

The terms "child" or "children" include anyone under the age of 18 years.

Best practice

1. The taking and publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 either on a notice board, published article or video recording of swimming competitions should only be done with parents consent and in line with ASA guidelines.

2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have children photographed. Therefore any photograph that may be published, be it through a member of the club or official photographer should have parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing.

3. Under ASA guidance on the taking of photos, once a parent has signed the club's Photography Book Register we are happy for them to take photos on the belief that their swimmer is the main subject of the photography. Other competitors nearby may be included in the shot but should not be the main subject and should not be easily identifiable. This includes any identification for example, a tannoy system or scoreboard. Another person can object to a parent/carer taking a photo if they believe their child, not the child of the photographer, to be the main subject of the photo, however this seldom happens.

Policy on videoing during club sessions

The videoing of children during club sessions will only be done if it can be justified by the club as to

why this video has been made eg to assist in swimming stroke development.

After videoing, unless it can be justified as to why the video is to be kept the video should be destroyed once it has served its purpose. Any concern and the videoing should cease and the video not used.

Social networking sites

The publishing of a photograph or video footage on a social networking site is governed by the requirements within this policy.

WASC does not support the posting of any photography taken at a WASC event OR by any of its members in the public domain on the internet and social networking sites.

Any posting on personal sites must be supported by a restriction, password or access control. No posting shall be copied or streamed from a personal site to the public domain.

This is in due regard to the Data Protection Act 1988.

SUMMARY

- permission for photography is by completion of the Photography Book Register,
- the main focus of any photograph should be your own child,
- if a photograph is to be published in any media, no other child should be easily identifiable unless permission has been given. The publication of any personal photography should have the relevant controls applied.

The ASA and WASC do not wish to stop parents photographing their children if they wish but this club has a responsibility to ensure we do all we can to safeguard a child's wellbeing.

If further clarity is needed, please speak to the Club Welfare Officer. The full ASA policy can be found on their website.