



# Satellites of Macclesfield Swimming Club

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## Photography and photographing swimmers policy

To set out such procedures, this Policy has been prepared by the ASA.

### **Recommended best practice:**

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 and in line with ASA guidelines.

2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal should not 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 have received parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.

The ASA guidelines on photos for publication are as follows. All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualised image in a sporting context.
- Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimming costume.
- Poolside shots of children should normally be above the waist only in a swimming costume, though full-length tracksuit shots are approved.
- Photographs should not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit young swimmers climbing out of the swimming pool.

Published photographs may identify the swimmer by name and club but should not state the swimmer's place of residence or school attended. The ASA do not wish to stop parents photographing their children if they wish at their "moments of glory" but all clubs have to ensure they do all we can to safeguard children's well being in the current climate of concern.

## **Policy on videoing children during club sessions**

The videoing of children during club sessions is not recommended. Any videos that are taken would have to be justified by the club as to why this video has been made, (e.g. to assist in swimming stroke development).

Assuming a video is taken then the written consent is required from the parents of the children with an invitation to the parents to attend the videoing and subsequently view the video.

If there are any concerns, the videoing should cease and the video not saved or used. After videoing, unless it can be justified why the video is to be kept eg. for training purposes, the video should be destroyed once it has served its purpose. Additionally, the "videographer" should be extremely careful in the content of the video.

The only exception to this policy is where the child's parent or carer provides specific written consent to the club publishing photographs. This consent may be withdrawn at any time and clubs should take all reasonable steps to respect the wishes of the parent/carer.

**For any issues or concerns with the ASA "WAVEPOWER (section 2 pages 60 and 61) recommendations please contact the Satellites Club Welfare Officer.**