



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. POLICIES 1. The publishing of an image of a swimmer under 18 in conjunction with a swim practice, swim competitions or other WEST Express designated event is done through the Opt Out Image Acknowledgement and Consent Form that is included in the registration process and referenced below. 2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have their child(ren) photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. In the event a parent or guardian chooses to exercise their right that WEST Express not publish such image a Refusal of Consent Form must be submitted at the time of registration or to the WEST Express Head Coach to override this agreement. The form may be requested from Head Coach Heidi Miler or Registrar Kris Ridler and is only required to be submitted one time per child and will remain in effect until such time as the Refusal has been rescinded. In the case of open meets and other competitions, where WEST Express is not the host club, where the host club has an official photographer present, parents should refer to the meet information regarding any process to withhold their consent.

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 or video are not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race.
- Photographs or video are not be taken in locker-rooms, rest rooms or other changing areas.



WEST Express Swim Team
Photography and Video
Non permission/Opt out form

WEST Express Swim Team (WEST) meets, team events and practices are sometimes photographed or videotaped for purpose of website, brochures, banquet slide show and coach technique training. If you do NOT wish to have your child photographed for these purposes, sign and return this form the WEST Head Coach.

Childs full name _____

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Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____