

## TWIN CITY SWIM TEAM (TCST) PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

### 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.

### POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 either on a bulletin board, website, social media or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“publication”) should only be done with parents’ consent. The Photography and Media Release approval is done when registering your swimmer(s) for the season.
2. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have their children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. If you prefer that your swimmer not be photographed, please send an email to the TCST Head Coach, Matt Reed at [MREED@ALYMCA.ORG](mailto:MREED@ALYMCA.ORG).

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, this will be noted in the meet packet. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity 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 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 cannot be taken from behind swimming blocks (at the start or during the race) or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs cannot be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.