



**First Colony Swim Team**

## **FCST Media and Photography Policy**

FCST is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all of our swimmers and their families. As part of our commitment, we have established this Media and Photography Policy to ensure that the swimming experience remains positive and respectful for everyone.

We recognize the importance of capturing special moments and memories through photography. However, it is equally important to strike a balance between preserving these memories and respecting the privacy and safety of our swimmers. This policy outlines the guidelines and expectations for photography and video at practice, swim meets and FCST related events in accordance to Safe Sport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy:

- 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 per the attached form.
- A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal cannot 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 receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.
- Photography and video recording should not disrupt the swimming experience or impede the safety of the athletes. Please be mindful of the space and the needs of others.
- Please be considerate when taking photographs and video and avoid capturing images of others without their consent.
- Photographs, videos or recordings of any kind should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs, videos or recordings of any kind, should not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs, videos or recordings of any kind, should not be taken in locker-rooms, bathrooms and other restricted areas.
- Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- Photographs and video of team members, especially minors, should not be shared on social media or any online platform without prior consent from the individuals or their legal guardians.

- The FCST reserves the right to use photographs and videos taken during team events and practices for promotional purposes, including but not limited to the team's website, social media, and promotional materials.
- Unless consent is declined (see below) photographs and/or names and/or birthday of minor's athlete may be used for purposes related to the swim team, including but not limited to promotional materials, social media, and the team's website.

**Declining Photography and Media Consent.** If you do not wish to consent, please fill out this form, ([Click Here](#)). The opt-out form can also be obtained from your swimmers lead coach.