



GCAT PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

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.

GCAT may wish to take photographs (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 during their membership in the club. All photos will be taken and published in line with club policy.

POLICIES

1. The publishing of a photograph of a swimmer under 18 either on social media, the club's website, or another publication (including video streaming) of swimming competitions should only be done with parents' consent. Consent will be obtained during the registration process.
2. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed or videoed. This refusal should be submitted by email to directors@swimgcat.org. The GCAT Board of Directors and coaches can only control photographs that are posted to GCAT social media, websites, and publications. Submitted refusals only apply to photographs that GCAT controls and not those of that may be taken by other club parents or other swim clubs.

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 swimsuit.
- Photographs 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 should not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.