



*First Colony Swim Team creates opportunities, within a safe and supportive environment, for swimmers to merge passion and commitment with expertise, resulting in the highest level of personal performance.*

## **PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA POLICY**

First Colony Swim Team ("FCST") is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all of our swimmers and families. As such, it is important to strike a balance between celebrating special moments and memories through photography/videography and respecting the privacy and safety of our swimmers.

This policy, in accordance with USA Swimming's MAAPP, outlines the guidelines and expectations for photography and videography at practices, swim meets, and FCST team events.

- Photography and videography should not disrupt the swimming experience or impede the safety of athletes or others
- Individuals taking photos or videos should be mindful of those around them and avoid capturing images of others without their consent
- Photos and videos should not be taken or retained where the image reveals a torn or displaced swim
- Photos and videos should not be taken from behind the starting blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool
- Photos and videos should not be taken in locker rooms, bathrooms, or other restricted areas
- Photos and videos of team members, especially minors, should not be shared on social media or any online platform without consent from the individual(s) or their legal guardian(s)

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

Members may opt to decline photography and media consent by filling out the Photography and Media Consent form and emailing it to the General Manager, [gm@swimfcst.com](mailto:gm@swimfcst.com)