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This document sets down Abingdon Dolphins Swim Club policy in relation to photography and use of other imaging equipment including mobile phones equipped with cameras.

Statement:

The Club adopts and operates under the policies of the ASA, the ASA Code of Ethics and Child Protection procedures and guidelines, the full policy documents and procedures can be found on www.britishswimming.org.

Why Have a Policy?

This Policy applies to all photographs taken on film or digital camera (including mobile phones) and all kinds of moving pictures including video recordings (and video streaming). The terms “child” or “children” include anyone under the age of 18 years. There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating in sport.

Whilst 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.

To set out such procedures, Abingdon Dolphins Swim Club has adopted this Policy which has been prepared by the ASA.

Aims of this policy

First, as in all matters concerned with the safeguarding of children, the ASA aims to help clubs establish and develop good practice.

Abingdon Dolphins Swim Club aims to avoid three potential sources of child abuse:

1. The use, adaptation, or copying of images for child abuse, either on the Internet or in print.
2. The possible identification of a child when an image is accompanied by significant personal information, which can lead to the child being ‘groomed’.
3. The identification and locating of children where there are safeguarding children concerns. Such cases would include, for example, children who could be compromised by an image because:
 - They are removed from their family for their own safety.
 - There are restrictions on their contact with one parent following a parental separation.
 - They are a witness in criminal proceedings.

Abingdon Dolphins Swim Club does not permit the use of photographic equipment (including mobile phone cameras) anywhere within the perimeter of the facilities used by Abingdon Dolphins Swim Club especially on poolside and in changing rooms.