

**Policy:** Only Professional Photographers or Videographers hired by the host team or Press Photographers, who have been approved in advance by the meet director, will be allowed on deck. A Photographer Registration form must be completed and submitted to the meet director for approval, prior to the meet. Forms are available on the Adirondack Swimming website as well as from the Meet Director.

Swimmer's families, taking photos of their children from the spectator area, are not subject to this policy.

**Everyone is subject to following the USA Swimming Rule:**

Use of Audio or Visual Recording Devices, Including a Cell Phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including any spectator area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

**Notes:**

The above policy must be published in meet announcements and programs.

It is the Meet Director's responsibility to have completed forms available at the meet.

The Meet Director should check the actual ID against the information provided on the entry form and keep a file of submitted forms.

The intent is to promote accountability and to give Meet Directors and Referees a tool for managing concerns about photographers. Teams should consider providing a lanyard indicating that the photographer is registered.

See form, below.

# Adirondack Swimming

## Professional Photographer Registration Form

This form must be completed by any professional photographer (video or still) who has been contracted to take pictures at an Adirondack Swimming Sanctioned meet.

Submit this form to the Meet Director Prior to the Meet.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Government ID (driver's license preferred) or USA Swimming Registration Card:

Type of ID \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Taking photos of \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional photographers/videographers or press photographers will be allowed on deck at the discretion of the Meet Director and Meet Referee and must adhere to the following guidelines:**

1. USA Swimming Rule: Use of Audio or Visual Recording Devices, Including a Cell Phone, is not permitted behind the starting blocks, including any spectator area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

**2. THERE WILL BE NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITTED AT THE START OF EACH RACE.**

3. Do not stand on the starting end of the pool, in the starter's box or on the bulkhead at any time.

4. Do not stand on the edge of the pool (leave approximately two feet for officials and coaches).

5. Leave the deck when not actively photographing.

6. Respond immediately to direction from the Meet Referee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Meet \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of meet \_\_\_\_\_