



HARINGEY AQUATICS

Policies and Procedures: Photography

Through our ongoing dialogue with Swim England and the London Region, we have learned of a small number of incidents at other Aquatics clubs in which children have tried and succeeded in taking images (still photographs and videos) of other children in the process of changing, in changing villages or under/over changing cubicles.

Haringey Aquatics is committed to providing an environment in which all children participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience. As such, all Haringey Aquatics members are expected to adhere to Swim England guidance on photography while engaging in club activity at any venue. This is set out in the Swim England Wavepower 2024 document (pages 26 to 31).

The Wavepower document and our Code of Conduct for athletes are clear - members are not allowed to use smart phones or any other device for any purpose (including but not limited to taking photographs or footage) in changing areas during any Swim England regulated activity: [Code of Conduct for members \(athletes\)](#). To be clear, it is a criminal offence to take, make, distribute (send), upload and/or possess any indecent image of a child, or to encourage another to do so.

Haringey Aquatics takes any inappropriate use of devices for photography very seriously and will report any concerns regarding their misuse to the appropriate agency, e.g. the Police, Children's Social Care, and the Swim England Safeguarding and Welfare Team, in accordance with Wavepower guidance.

Parents and carers are asked to ensure their children understand this policy and our Code of Conduct for members in relation to inappropriate photographs and videos.

Swim England have provided information to empower children to speak up if there is anything they are not happy about. [Safeguarding resources for children](#)

It is recognised that parents/guardians and children generally welcome opportunities to celebrate or publicise their involvement and achievements when taking part in sport by photographing children at events. The club may also wish to use photography to promote our activities and encourage participation. Swim England does not advocate the banning of photography or the use of images and videos of children. As such it has set out steps to protect children and young people from the inappropriate use of their images in resources and media publications, on the internet and elsewhere (see p94-99) of Wavepower 2024.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the content of this policy, please contact Jaipooja Choraria, our club's Welfare Officer, welfare@haringeyaquatics.org.uk.