

Photography and Social Media Protocol

Please read below guidelines for the use of camera/camera equipment, including mobile phones, at galas. A notice relating to the use of cameras is always read out before a gala starts.

- Always register the equipment on entry to the gala
- If you are attending multiple sessions please enquire as to whether registering once covers you for all sessions
- Never go onto poolside to take photos/videos
- Be mindful not to interfere with others that are spectating
- Only photograph/video your swimmer, photographing/videoing other swimmers is prohibited, unless given permission by a known parent or guardian. Given the nature of galas it isn't always easy to avoid having others in the frame, but please try and endeavour to make your swimmer the main focus.

Publishing Photos

- If you would like to publish your photos/videos to the Club website/Facebook page please contact a committee member/Facebook co-ordinator first for permission.
- If you are going to publish photos/videos on personal web-space/social media sites please endeavour to make your swimmer the main focus.

Social Media

- We encourage positive comments on the RSC Facebook page or personal page and/or other social networking sites.
- Comments that are considered negative will be deleted from the RSC page
- Please note the following from Swim England Wavepower
 - The social network site should never be used as a medium by which to abuse or criticise Swim England members, Swim England clubs or individual swimmers and breach of Swim England Rules and Regulations.
 - Always consider that any communication, comments, photos and video clips posted on a social networking site may be shared with persons other than those for whom it was intended.
 - Swim England have produced a parent's code of conduct, which can be Wavepower. Section 6 of Wavepower states that :

Parents should be aware that posting messages, comments or any other media on a social networking site that breaches the above requirement of a parent in a Swim England club may breach the Swim England Parents Code of Conduct, which states that parents behave responsibly as a spectator at training /meets and treat swimmers, coaches, committee members and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect meeting the Swim England commitment to equality.

As always your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.