

# **VAUGHAN GYMNASTICS PHOTOGRAPHY OF CHILDREN**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Photography of program participants is restricted. Individuals who wish to take photographs of children must receive authorization from program management prior to doing so.

## **PURPOSE**

For various reasons, parents may wish to have their child's identity protected, and to restrict situations where unknown individuals may be taking their child's photograph.

## **PROCEDURE**

### A) Process

-A set of specific Parental Consents must be signed to permit the taking of photographs of children for legitimate organizational purposes such as identification.

Include the policy and rationale in leader training content and prepare staff to be able to:

- Intervene if an adult is taking photographs and request that they be deleted.
- Explain the rationale to parents / legal guardians / caregivers who may question the policy.

### B) Communication

-All leaders, supervisors and managers should be aware of this policy, and it should be reinforced through leader training programs and related materials.

-Parents / legal guardians / caregivers should be made aware of this policy in parent handbooks, on parent bulletin boards, and on the Vaughan Gymnastics website.

### C) Policy Support

-All program locations should have signage prominently explaining this policy to visitors.

-Leader training will include emphasis on this policy, along with strategies to restrict the unauthorized photography of the children.

-Parent handbooks and other promotional material will contain references to the policy to promote awareness and compliance