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I understand martial arts and/or fitness is a contact and physical sport/activity and that my(or my child's) participation in this activity and event(s) involves risk of physical injury including death. I acknowledge and accept the risk of physical injury including death that may result from my(or my child's) participation in this/these activity/activities.

In consideration of my (my child's) registration in Team Ryano Martial Arts, I hereby, for myself (or my child's), and on behalf of my heirs, executors or administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against and covenant to sue Team Ryano Martial Arts, its instructors and sponsors, their employees, officers, directors, agents for any and all injuries suffered arising out of, or connected to this activity and event(s) whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of those released therein.

I have been advised that, due to the strenuous nature of some of the activities, I should consult with my (or my child's) physician concerning my (or my child's) fitness participation. To the best of my knowledge there are no physical or other conditions which will interfere with my (or my child's) participation in this martial arts program.



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I (or my child) understand(s) that Team Ryano Martial Arts and fitness classes are solely for the purpose of exercise and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. That exercise, drills and self-defence techniques practiced at Team Ryano Martial Arts are for educational and fitness purposes only. In no way does Team Ryano Martial Arts promote or condone the use of martial arts for violence against any individuals, groups or communities under any circumstances. I accept that by signing this waiver I understand the safety briefing in regards to training martial arts at Team Ryano Martial Arts.

Photographs/media - I also give permission and consent to the taking and use of photographs and/or video footage in which I (or my child) feature at training and competition events and understand that these may be used in the promotion of the activities of Team Ryano Martial Arts. These photographs will only be used in keeping with the Team Ryano Martial Arts Policy: "Guidelines on use of Photographic and Filming Equipment" which is available below.



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*Team Ryano Martial Arts has adopted a policy in relation to the use of images of athletes on their websites and in other publications, as there have been concerns about the risks posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on sports websites and other publications. Where practical we will try to use models or illustrations when promoting an activity and avoid the use of the first name and surname of individuals in a photograph. this reduces the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people within and outside the sport.*

*Photography and the recording of images in a public place do not generally require explicit or prior consent. Team Ryano Martial Arts would ask parents not to photograph children during practice without prior permission. If there is a course for concern the organiser may ask a person to desist from taking pictures. However takings photographs of grapplers, using web sites to publicise grappling activities and the videoing of events, competitions, training and coaching sessions are normal activities whithin most Martial arts clubs. Team Ryano Martial Arts does not seek in any way risk or threats that inappropriate use of photographs or the recording of images may pose, particularly for young people.  
these safeguards should:*



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- **ALLOW AND FACILITATE THE RECORDING OF RELEVANT AND SUITABLE MATERIALS,**
- **RECORD THE ENJOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN BJJ ACTIVITIES;**
  - **ENABLE COACHES TO USE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN THE DELIVERY OF TRAINING SKILLS;**
  - **ENABLE OUR CLUB TO PROMOTE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN A SAFE AND NON THREATENING MANNER.**
- **ONLY USE IMAGES OF ATHLETES IN SUITSBLE DRESS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INAPPROPRIATE USE. THE CONTENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD FOCUS ON THE ACTIVITY NOT ON A PARTICULAR CHILD;**
- **CREATE RECOGNISED PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING THE USE OF INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ATHLETES. FOLLOW FHE CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES, ENSURING EITHER THE DESIGNATED OFFICER OR THE SOCIAL SERVICE AND/OR POLICE ARE INFORMED.**



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- **FROM TIME TO TIME YOUNG GRAPPLERS ARE PRESENTED WITH AN AWARD OR ACHIEVE RECOGNITION AND THESE EVENTS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED. PRIOR PERMISSION SHOULD BE SOUGHT TO NAME THESE INDIVIDUALS IN MEDIA OR WEBSITE REPORTS.**
- **CLUBS, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO USE VIDEO EQUIPMENT AS A LEGITIMATE COACHING AID AND AS A MEANS OR RECORDING SPECIAL OCCASIONS; HOWEVER, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE DISSEMINATION, STORAGE AND USE SUCH MATERIAL.**
- **INFORM ATHLETES AND PARENTS THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT AN EVENT AND ENSURE THEY CONSENT TO BOTH THE TAKING AND PUBLICATION OF FILMS OR PHOTOGRAPHS;**
- **NOT ALLOW UNSUPERVISED ACCESS TO ATHLETES OR ONE TO ONE PHOTO SESSIONS AT EVENTS;**
- **NOT APPROVE/ALLOW PHOTO SESSIONS OUTSIDE THE EVENT OR AT AN ATHLETE'S HOME.**



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## Web Site Usage

Team Ryano Martial Arts have a well established web site and social media network that enable the publishing of activities, improving communication with members and the general public and as a general publicity forum for local, national and international use. It is important that guidelines are put in place. This can be done through an Acceptable Use Policy.

## Acceptable Use Policy for Websites

It is important that while not wishing in any way to restrict the use of and accessibility to our website that we recognise our responsibility in maintaining websites that are not only interesting and newsworthy but that are also safe. The Guidelines for use of photography and filming, as previously outlined elsewhere in this document also apply to those that maintain a web site. These guidelines are particularly applicable when photographs and images of youth grapplers are being used .