



# National Women's Martial Arts Federation

## Photo Policy

### **Policy on Photography and Videography at Special Training**

The mission of the NWMAF is to promote the involvement of women, girls, and gender diverse individuals in the martial arts. The NWMAF Annual Conference, by virtue of its environment, is one of our most effective means of accomplishing that mission. Because of its significance to the NWMAF and to individual members, photography and videography are common throughout this event. Photography and videography provide crucial archival records for the organization and important personal keepsakes for individual participants.

Given their importance to the organization and its mission, and given the difficulty there may be in positively identifying participants in photos/videos, we do ask that participants agree to grant NWMAF the rights to use photos and videos in which they appear. However, we recognize the importance of respecting the privacy of participants who do not wish to be photographed or videotaped.

If a participant does not wish to have photos/videos of themselves published, a visual marker will be provided. It will be their responsibility to wear the marker if possible, so that people with cameras know their preferences; they also must let others (especially our official photographers) know their preferences either verbally or non-verbally. Although we cannot guarantee that they will not be photographed or videotaped, materials where the marker is visible will not be used in any official NWMAF publication unless the individual in question cannot be recognized.

We also expect that all trainers and participants will take responsibility for their actions and will act in good faith to respect each others' wishes and boundaries. Trainers are encouraged to help make The NWMAF National Conference a comfortable environment for participants who don't want to be photographed. Individual participants should exercise good judgment and respect for the privacy of others when distributing photographs of the NWMAF National Conference.

At orientation and in the camp book, participants and trainers will be reminded to be respectful and thoughtful about photography and video. This will include a description and explanation of the visual marker participants will use to decline photos. This also includes reminding participants to ask for permission before taking pictures or video as well as to be proactive in letting people know that they do not wish to be photographed or videotaped.