



# **National Women's Martial Arts Federation**

## **Photography Policy and Release**

### **Policy on Photography and Videography**

The mission of the NWMAF is to promote the involvement of women, girls, cis men and gender diverse in the healing/self-defense and martial arts. The NWMAF Weaving Strength Regional Conferences, 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 and Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self Defense Center 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 or Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self Defense Center 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 other's wishes and boundaries. Trainers are encouraged to help make the NWMAF Weaving Strength Regional 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 NWMAF Weaving Strength Regional Conference.

All 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. We will be 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.

Photo Release

I hereby grant the National Women’s Martial Arts Federation (NWMAF) and Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self Defense Center, their successors, or assigns, and anyone acting under their authority or permission, the unqualified right to use my image in internal and external publications such as newsletters, web sites, and news media. I understand that such use is without additional compensation to me. I further agree that such imagery shall remain the exclusive property of NWMAF and I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product, or the use to which it may be applied.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_