

Application for Permission to Access the “Field of Play” to take photos and/or at Athletics (track & field, cross country, Para, road and trail, race walk) events sanctioned by Athletics Ontario and Agreement concerning photography (including video), effective January 1st, 2023 through December 31st, 2023.

The undersigned (the “Photographer”) is applying for permission to have access to the “field of play” for photographing athletes, coaches, officials, and other participants at Athletics (track and field, Para, road and trail, and race walk) events sanctioned by Athletics Ontario (“AO”). In consideration for being granted access to the “field of play”, the Photographer confirms and agrees to the following:

1. The Photographer understands that AO receives multiple requests from individuals who wish to take photographs, videos, or other images (“photographs”) and that access to the “field of play” must be limited for safety reasons and reasons related to the orderly running of an event.
2. Permission is granted by AO in its sole discretion, and permission is further subject to the discretion of the event organizer of a particular event.
3. Once confirmation has been given to the Photographer by e-mail from AO that the Photographer’s application has been accepted by AO, the Photographer understands that the Photographer must request permission from the event organizer of a particular event to access the “field of play” at that event. AO will notify the event organizer of the names of individuals whose applications have been accepted. It is within the discretion of the event organizer to disallow access to the “field of play”, even if the Photographer’s application has been accepted by AO.
4. The Photographer understands that among AO’s values is **Inclusivity: Leave no one out. As such, AO welcomes people of all abilities, ages, and racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, and sexual identities**. We encourage an appropriate amount of diversity in photographs taken to utilize the photographs. A lack of diversity may result in minimal, or no use of the photographs, images or videos provided.
5. The Photographer confirms that the Photographer has read the **AO Code of Conduct** contained in the **AO Safe Sport Manual** posted on the [AO website](#) and agrees to comply with the **AO Code of Conduct**. Without limiting this confirmation, the Photographer confirms that the Photographer has read and agrees to comply with the sections of the **AO Code of Conduct** headed “Responsibilities - Participants” and “Social Media”.
6. The Photographer acknowledges that due to the nature of the sport and the activities of the athletes and other participants, photographs may capture images that could be considered embarrassing, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate, even when there is no intention on the part of the Photographer to capture such an image. The Photographer agrees to delete any such photographs, not to share them in any way and agrees to comply immediately with any request by AO to delete any such photographs and not to share them in any way.
7. If AO believes, in its sole discretion, that the use by the Photographer, whether by posting on social media or any other sharing, contravenes the **AO Code of Conduct**, AO may, in its sole discretion, revoke any permission given to the Photographer to access the “field of play”. The Photographer understands that such permission may be revoked with no prior notice and with no right to appeal such revocation.
8. The Photographer will make available to AO, upon reasonable request by AO and at no charge, photographs taken at events sanctioned by AO. This will be facilitated via a link provided by the Photographer, or upon request, via a link provided by AO. The Photographer understands that AO will use such photographs only for non-commercial purposes, including on social channels (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok), year-end videos, newsletters, and printed promotional materials, unless AO has secured the specific permission of the Photographer to use the photographs for a commercial purpose. The Photographer will be credited for the photos used.

This application and these confirmations and agreements are made this _____ day of _____, 2023,
by (name/signature): _____
E-mail & phone: _____

This application is accepted and effective until December 31st, 2023 – and permission is granted to access the “field of play” on the terms and conditions of this agreement this _____ day of _____, 2023.

By Athletics Ontario (name/signature): _____