



Nether Green FC

Photography and Filming Policy

The FA encourages the taking of appropriate images of children in football. However, it has identified potential risks such as adapting or copying images for use on child abuse websites, the identification of a child where personal information accompanies the photo by a third party which has led to children being groomed and the identification of a child who is vulnerable for a number of reasons.

In keeping with the FA's recommended guidelines, all Nether Green personnel understand that **they WILL NOT:**

- 1. publish photographs with the full name of the individual featured**
- 2. use player profiles with pictures and personal information on websites**
- 3. use an image for something other than that which it was initially agreed**
- 4. allow images to be recorded in changing rooms, showers or toilets – this includes the use of mobile phones**

The points to consider to ensure everyone's safety and in keeping with the FA guidelines are:

- 1. ensure the club has parental consent to use a player's image in the public domain such as a newspaper or website**
- 2. ensure that any child who is under care proceedings is protected by ensuring that their image is not placed in the public domain**
- 3. focus on the activity rather than the individual**
- 4. ensure all players featured are dressed appropriately (minimum of shorts and shirt)**
- 5. aim to take pictures which represent the broad range of children taking part in football.**

Filming as a coaching aid

Any coach using videoing as a legitimate coaching aid should notify all parents/carers that this will take part and will be part of the coaching programme and that no names or info of any player will be attached.

NB: If the opposition coach wishes to film Nether Green FC players during a match for coaching purposes, they should ask the Nether Green FC coach's permission and check that parents have given consent.

Commissioning professional photographers and local newspapers

Nether Green personnel will provide a clear brief about what is appropriate and establish where the images will be held and where the images will be displayed.

The photographer must be issued with I.D. to be worn at all times.

Parents/Carers must be informed prior to the event and they must have signed the consent form at the beginning of the season.

Parents/carers and spectators photographing or filming

Parents/carers and spectators should ask both the home team and opposition team coaches for permission before filming or photographing. The coach can only give permission if she/he has the consent of all the parents. It becomes a safeguarding issue when a player can't be photographed eg. if they are in care.

Remember:

It is not an offence to take photos or film in a public place even if asked not to do so. No one has the right to decide who can and cannot take photographs on public land but if they are unhappy about anyone taking photographs or filming, they should ask them to stop. If they refuse, tell them that if the players are under 18yrs of age it becomes a safeguarding matter and you may ring the police.

If you have serious concerns about a possible child protection issue relating to the photographing/filming of children ring the Police.

To report potentially unlawful materials on the internet please contact:

The Internet Watch Foundation

Tel: 01223 237700

Report@iwf.org.uk

www.iwf.org.uk

The FA's Case Management team

Tel: 0207 745 4787

Case.management@thefa.com

If you are concerned about the inappropriate use of images please report to the case manager (see above) or to:

County FA Welfare Officer

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Tel: 07534442015

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