



PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

PFFNC recognises that there are many legitimate reasons why still and video photography at sports is very common and does not wish to unnecessarily restrict or curb that photography.

It is perfectly normal and acceptable for parents to want to film their children's sports to keep as a memento of their growing up. This is becoming increasingly so with the technology being widely owned.

It is also becoming increasingly popular for coaches to video their teams' games to assist them in training. Less common, but also becoming more so, is for the purposes of scouting another team that will be playing the videoing team shortly.

Having a video record of a game is also useful if there is a reportable incident during the game. The video can be used in evidence. In addition, the knowledge that a game is being taped may act as a deterrent to bad behaviour because players will know they may be captured on tape, even if an umpire does not see the misdeed. So there is a safety angle to the issue as well.

Photographs and videos can also be used for nefarious purposes. PFFNC is concerned to ensure that it take reasonable steps to ascertain that photographic depiction of football or netball activities is being used for legitimate and harmless purposes. This means that competition organisers have to be ever vigilant in protecting participants, particularly children.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all PFFNC members

POLICY

Wherever possible, permission will be obtained from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not the photographers own and ensure that the parent knows the way the image will be used.

PFFNC allows video and photography in the changing area directly after the game whilst the theme song and award presentations are taking place. PFFNC disallows the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets at all other times.

PROCEDURE

PFFNC allows parents and close relatives to take photographs and video tape games or training provided the parent or relative is known to the club. As a courtesy, the coach or manager of the opposition team should also be notified of the intention to photograph or video the game. Coaches who wish to video their own team's games or training for training purposes should also normally be allowed to do so. Again, the opposition should be informed. Parents of the coach's own team should be advised by the coach if it is intended to regularly video games or training and the reason for it.

Coaches wishing to video games for training or evaluation purposes should advise the teams of their intentions prior to the game.

Some coaches desire to scout teams that they will be playing in the future and a convenient way of doing this is to video the game. If this is to occur then both teams should be advised in advance.



IMAGES OF CHILDREN

Images of children and adults should not be used inappropriately or illegally.

When displaying an image of a child PFFNC should avoid naming or identifying the child or, wherever possible, avoid using both the first name and surname. Do not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/guardian. Additional information such as hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc should not be included as this information can be used as grooming tools by pedophiles or other persons.

It is the responsibility of PFFNC to only use appropriate images of a child, relevant to the sport and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport.

PFFNC Club officials or members who feel that they have been the victims of such misuses of technology should save and store the offending material on their computer, mobile phone or other device. They should then print a copy of the material and immediately report the incident to the relevant Club representative.

All reports of cyberbullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully in accordance with the Bullying and Harassment Policy and may result in a notification to Police where the Club is legally obliged to do so.

If the Club executive receives a complaint about an online issue, the allegations will be forwarded to the relevant Welfare Officer for investigation.

If there is evidence, the complaint will be referred to the Police exactly the same as if the investigation relates to physical violence or other reportable offences.

RESOURCES

- Social Media Policy
- Cybersafety Policy