**THEYDON BOIS CRICKET CLUB**

**Loughton Lane, Essex, CM16 7JY**

**Photography and Video Policy**

Theydon Bois Cricket Club (TBCC) and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) are keen to promote positive images of children playing Cricket and are not preventing the use of photographic or videoing equipment.

Some people may use sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate photographs or film footage of Children. TBCC are vigilant about the possibility of this.

These individuals could attend the local cricket club allowing people to presume they are related to a child involved. It is also the possible that if a picture and name was placed in the local paper the information could be used as a ‘grooming’ tool.

There may be other reasons why individuals may not wish their child’s photograph to be taken by someone they do not know personally, i.e. estranged parents looking to gain access to a child.

Any concerns during an event should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer (CWO).

**Guidelines for taking photographs and videos during training, matches and club related occasions:**

* Photographs/images will not be taken at matches or training without the prior permission of the parents/carers of the children. However, this permission can be given by proxy by the coach of each team only after parental consent for this has been granted. The coach must arrange this prior to attending matches.
* If no consent has been given for a child on the player profile form, then it is to be made known to the relevant person of the other team (e.g. Coach / Team manager) so that the appropriate person/s taking photos for the other team is aware and can avoid taking photos of that particular child.
* The children should be informed that a person will be taking photographs.
* The children should be informed that if they have concerns, they can report these to the Coach or Team Manager.

Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the Club or County Welfare Officer and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.

It is recommended that at cricket tournaments/festivals/events/competitions set up a camera registration book for parents to complete.

**Guidelines for the use of images of children to promote the club (e.g. on the web, in the media or in league handbooks):**

* Parental permission will be sought to use the child’s image and, wherever possible, show the image to the parents and child in advance. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image will be used to represent cricket and the club
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* If the cricketer is named, avoid using their photograph
* If a photograph is used, avoid naming the child
* Images of children will only be used if they are in appropriate kit (training or competition), to reduce the risk of inappropriate use, and to provide positive images of the children
* Player profiles will not contain pictures and detailed personal information on websites.
* Images will not be used for something other than that what it was initially intended and agreed.
* Images will not be recorded in changing rooms, showers or toilets. This includes the use of mobile phones that record images.
* Images will focus on the activity rather than the individual.
* Pictures will represent, where possible, the broad range of youngsters participating safely in cricket e.g. boys and girls, disabled people, ethnic minority communities.

TBCC encourages the reporting of inappropriate use of images of children. If you are concerned, report your concerns to the County or Club Welfare Officer.

**Using Videos as a Coaching Aid:**

At TBCC the Club Coaches sometimes use video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid. However, Players and Parents/Carers should be aware that this is part of the Coaching program and material taken in connection with coaching must be stored securely and must be deleted / destroyed when a parent requests this, or when the material is not longer needed.

**Public Land:**

It is important to remember that it is not an offence to take appropriate photographs in a public place even if asked not to do so. Also, as TBCC’s ground is public land it does not have the authority to decide who can and can’t take images on said public land.

If you have serious concerns about a possible child protection issue relating to the recording of images then call the police. This action should only be taken where you believe that someone may be acting unlawfully or putting a child at risk.

All Parents/Carers will be provided with a written consent form for photographs and videos when they sign their child up to the club.