



## **LTC: Use of Images of Children and Young People Policy**

### **The Photography and Filming of Children**

The main concerns addressed by these guidelines relate to:

- The possible identification of children when a photograph is accompanied by personal information
- The inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use on child pornography websites
- The taking of inappropriate photographs or recorded images of children
- The breach of court orders restricting photography of specific children

There have been concerns about the risks posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on sport web sites and other publications when they are accompanied by personal information. This information can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to 'groom' that child for abuse. Secondly, photographs can be adapted for inappropriate use. There is evidence of adapted material finding its way onto child pornography sites.

### **Guidelines for Recording Images**

- All children featured in recordings must be appropriately dressed, with outer clothing garments covering their torso from at least the bottom of their neck to their thighs (i.e. a minimum of vest/shirt and shorts)
- The photograph should ideally focus on the activity. Where possible, images of children/young people should be recorded in small groups (the group may comprise any combination of adults and children)
- You should ensure that images of a young person are not recorded and published where a court order prohibits this.
- Any inappropriate use of photography or of images should be reported to LTA Welfare Officer or the police
- Coaches, teachers and others can use video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid. However, tennis players and their parents/carers should be made aware that this forms part of the coaching programme, and recordings should be used, stored and destroyed with care.
- Be aware of any cases where the parent or guardian has indicated on the membership form that they do not wish the child to be photographed.

### **Guidelines for Publishing Images**

- If a photograph is to be published, consider whether to give the full name, first name only or avoiding naming them altogether. Personal details such as email addresses, home addresses and telephone numbers should never be revealed on a website.
- Ask for parent/carer permission to use an image of a young person. This ensures that parent/carers understand how the image of their child will be used to represent the sport. A *photography and filming consent form* is the best way of achieving this.

- Where possible, ensure that the child will be comfortable / ask their permission. This ensures that they understand how their image will be used to represent the sport. A *photography and filming consent form* is a good way of achieving this.
- Make sure that you give adequate thought to the selection of images for use in publicity materials. Give close consideration to the images of children used on websites. Simple techniques such as digital 'watermarking' may deter others from misusing images.

### **Use of cameras by parents and other spectators**

- The club reserves the right to challenge, and as necessary, stop individuals from taking photographs at the club.

### **Simultaneous streaming**

- In order to guard against the possibility of a young person under a court order appearing on a website, the simultaneous streaming of images onto a website is not recommended. Delayed streaming can limit problems and provides an opportunity for any necessary editing.
- Appropriate security should be applied on web servers, so that material can only be accessed, copied or downloaded by authorised people.