

WOOLHOPE TENNIS CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING POLICY

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Woolhope Tennis Club strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) and adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- protect children who take part in Woolhope Tennis Club's activities and events, specifically those where photographs and videos may be taken
- set out the overarching principles that guide our approach to photographs/videos being taken of children during our events and activities
- ensure that we operate in line with our values and within the law when creating, using and sharing photographs/videos of children.

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers and any other individuals associated with Woolhope Tennis Club.

WOOLHOPE TENNIS CLUB RECOGNISES:

Sharing photographs and images of children on social media or other online platforms carries potential risks. For example:

- children may become vulnerable to grooming if a photograph is shared alongside information that makes them identifiable. This includes: personal details; a tag with location information; visual details such as a school/club uniform
- inappropriate images of children may be shared online
- images may be copied, downloaded, screenshotted or shared by anyone
- images of children may be adapted and used inappropriately
- photos or videos may appear in internet search results
- depending on the terms and conditions of using an online platform, the image may be owned by the platform once it's been posted. Platforms may then license images for use by third parties – such as for commercial purposes
- each photo or video, and any comments on them, become a part of a child's public image.

WOOLHOPE TENNIS CLUB WILL KEEP CHILDREN SAFE BY:

- never publishing a child's image on its website
- never publishing a child's image on its social media pages
- never publishing personal information about a child

PHOTOGRAPHY AND/OR FILMING FOR PERSONAL USE

When children, parents/carers or spectators are taking photographs/videos for personal use:

- photographs/videos captured by the parent or carer (or another adult with the express permission of the parent or carer) of the child is permitted

- we will recommend that people check the privacy settings of their social media account to understand who else will be able to view any photographs/videos they share
- we will remind children, parents/carers who they can talk to if they have any concerns about photographs/videos being shared.

For specific events we run, we will publicise what will be allowed before the start of the event.

If a player wishes to enter into a private arrangement with a commercial photographer or videographer, the photographer or videographer must have the express consent of that player (or their parent or legal guardian where the player is under 18 years old) and will notify the venue (including the Competition Organiser/Director for any event) of their attendance in advance.

USING OFFICIAL OR PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

If Woolhope Tennis Club engages a photographer for an event the club will ensure that they:

- follow a safe recruitment process/policy
- provide the photographer with a clear brief about appropriate content and behaviour
- ensure the photographer wears identification at all times
- inform children and parents/carers that a photographer will be at the event and ensure they give written consent to images which feature close up images of their child being taken and shared*
- inform the photographer about how to identify – and avoid taking images of children without the required parental consent
- clarify areas where all photography is prohibited (i.e. toilets, changing areas, first aid areas)
- not allow the photographer to have unsupervised access to children
- not allow the photographer to carry out sessions outside the event or at a child's home
- report any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography.

*At some events, wide-angle and general images of the event, the site, award ceremonies, and similar may be taken. It may not be reasonable, practical or proportionate to secure consent for every participating child in order to take such images. In these circumstances, Woolhope Tennis Club will make clear to all participants and parents that these kinds of images will be taken, and for what purposes.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND/OR FILMING FOR WIDER USE

If people such as local journalists or professional photographers (not hired by a club or county) wish to operate an event and share the images professionally or in the wider world, Woolhope Tennis Club will ensure they have given proper permission for this in advance.

Woolhope Tennis Club will ensure the following information is provided to them:

- the name and address of the person using the camera
- the names of children they wish to take images of (if possible)
- the reason for taking the images and/or what the images will be used for

- a signed declaration that the information provided is valid and that the images will only be used for the reasons given.

Woolhope Tennis Club will verify these details and decide whether to grant permission for the photographs/films to be taken. They should also seek consent from the children who are the intended subjects of the images and their parents and inform the photographer of anyone who does not give consent.

Woolhope Tennis Club will inform children, parents/carers that an external photographer is present and ensure they are easily identifiable.

CONCERNS

If a member or visitor becomes concerned that someone unknown to them is taking photography or filming without permission, they should ask them to leave and (depending on the nature of the concerns) follow our safeguarding procedures.

Where inappropriate images/films are being taken that raise a safeguarding concern, this should be reported to the club Welfare Officer and LTA Safeguarding Team. It may also be necessary to report this to the police.

STORING IMAGES

- Woolhope Tennis Club will never upload a child's image to its electronic records
- Woolhope Tennis Club will never store a child's image in its hard copy files

This policy is reviewed every three years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

Chairman: Raymond Highley

Date 16.11.2022

Welfare Officers: Eddie Mcenery Brian Chipping

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