

Photographing and Filming Children

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Introduction

Before reading this policy, you should familiarise yourself with the FA guidance on photographing and filming children:

<https://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/rules-and-regulations/safeguarding/section-8/8-3-photographing-and-filming-children-colour-version.ashx>

The club policy will follow the best practice in the FA guide. Key excerpts are listed below:

Key excerpts, plus club specific additions

- Written or electronic parental consent must be received to take photos of/film a player, or use a player's photo and/or film footage in the public domain e.g. on Facebook, club website, clubhouse, Veo camera footage. Original photos and videos should be kept in a secure online storage location, accessible only by using an encrypted protocol (https) and secured with username and password, including 2-factor authentication (where available). Where copies of photos/videos are shared on social media or are publicly accessible, these should be set to be NOT downloadable.
- Children under care proceedings (where legal restrictions are in place) must never have their photo or film footage put into the public domain.
- Children should always be appropriately dressed (minimum of shirt, shorts, socks).
- Photos or film footage should always represent the broad range of players representing the club e.g. boys and girls, ethnic minority.
- Parents and/or children should not be 'tagged' in social media posts e.g. Facebook, X, Instagram.
- Children's names should not be made available in the public domain.
- Player profiles should not be made available in any form.
- Ensure that the photo or film footage is only used for the intended purpose.
- Never take photos or record film footage in changing rooms or toilets.
- Never advertise products (e.g. from team/club sponsors) alongside a child, where the advertising relates to alcohol or gambling.
- Never take pictures at ground level.

Displaying photos and/or film footage on the club website or in the clubhouse

In addition to the above, the following must be adhered to:

- No filmed footage is allowed (i.e. only photos are allowed, where parental permission has been recorded and can be evidenced).
- Only wide-angle/wide-angle action-shot photos, or full team photos are allowed.
- The committee member with responsibility for the website must gain the permission of the Club Welfare Officer to publish new content.