



## Newcastle Schools' Football Association Photography Policy

### POLICY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Policy for Photography and Video at matches, competitions, Festivals or similar under the control of Newcastle Schools' FA.

The Newcastle Schools' Football Association understands and empathises that parents/guardians may wish to celebrate their child's achievements on the field of play by capturing images or videos to this effect, and that footage can be a useful training tool for organisations. However, the welfare of the children involved must always be the paramount consideration and as such, appropriate and proportionate safeguards must be in place.

There are inherent risks in publishing personal information about children in that it can lead to being

able to identify the child and their location, or it is possible that images may be subject to inappropriate use. It is important to remember that it is not an offence for anyone to take a photograph or film on public land, even if they are asked not to do so. If training or matches take place on private land, it is up to the land or facility owner whether they will permit photography or filming to take place.

If you are concerned about the inappropriate use of images, please report this to the NSFA Welfare Officer who is Sam Donovan

The following is viewed as being 'best practice' by NSFA and is for guidance.

It should be considered together with guidance given by The FA and The ESFA on their respective websites or can be viewed below.

NSFA would recommend that if photography/videoing is planned at games, competitions, Festivals or similar, that the venue owner's Policy on photography/videoing (venue owner - e.g. school, club ground, local authority sports centre etc.) is checked by staff involved, understood and permission sought.

Once agreement has been given by the venue owner, staff from both teams (or in the case of a competition or Festival or similar - all staff in charge of teams) should agree as to how and why photography/videoing will take place and for what purpose, before beginning to photograph/video.

At the beginning of the season all the parents of City players will need to fill in a Photographic Consent Form, which will last for a season. At local competitions the organiser may take photographs of teams or action shots which will be used in the local press, NSFA Newsletter and NSFA website. The organiser will seek permission from the schools teacher in charge before taking a photograph. All schools should have asked parents if they have the parent's permission for photograph's. If a parent does not give permission for their child to have their photograph taken then the photograph will not be taken. Teachers should instruct the organiser if this is the case. If an agreement cannot be reached, then it is recommended that photography/videoing does not take place.

If Filming as a coaching aid the Coach should make parents/carers and players aware that this will be part of the coaching programme. Care should be taken when storing the video

Furthermore, Students or amateur photographers/film/video operators wishing to record the event for coursework or Exam Photo evidence should seek Permission with the event organiser by

producing a letter from the club/educational establishment outlining their motive for attending the event and planned use of the material.

Professionals should register prior to the event In line with the recommendation in the Name of Governing Body Policy, the promoters of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should register their details with staff at the spectator desk before carrying out any such photography. If parents have any particular concern about their young person being photographed or filmed they should notify the organisers The promoter reserves the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the promoter's conditions.

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