



Somerset County Junior Netball **Photography policy**

The use of photos and videos on websites and social media, and in posters, the press or other publications, can pose direct and indirect risks to children and young people if not managed correctly. This policy is further supported by the England Netball Safeguarding Policy.

All Clubs will need to review their own photography policy specifically for children and young people (but should apply to all club members) and ensure they have acquired the necessary consent from parents, carers and players.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- protect children and young people who take part in Somerset Junior Netball events, specifically those where photographs and videos may be taken
- set out the principles that guide our approach to photographs/videos being taken of children and young people during our events
- to ensure that we and clubs operate in line with our values, the relevant England Netball guidance and within the law when creating, using and sharing images of children and young people

This policy statement applies to all coaches, umpires, volunteers, players, parents, spectators and other adults associated with Somerset Junior Netball.

We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people

We recognise that:

- sharing photographs and films of our activities can help clubs celebrate the successes and achievements of children and young people and raise awareness of netball
- the welfare of the children and young people taking part in our activities is paramount
- children, their parents and carers have a right to decide whether their images are taken and how these may be used, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation
- consent to take images of children is only meaningful when children, their parents and carers understand how the images will be used and stored, and are fully aware of the potential risks. Consent for photography/videos is to be acquired by individual clubs
- there are potential risks associated with sharing images of children online.

Minimising the risks for Clubs

Clubs need to:-

- think carefully before using any images showing children and young people on club websites, social media or other publications
- choose images that present netball in a positive light, and promote the best aspects of the sport
- ensure that they do not supply full names or identifiable features of children and young people alongside the images, unless:
 - it's considered necessary
 - it's in the child's best interests
 - the child and parent have consented
- only use images of children in suitable dress or kit
- provide coaches with clear guidelines by which they are required to comply, including: use of the images, consents, and retention, safe storage and confidentiality
- always ask for consent from a child and their parents/carers before taking and using a child's image
- always explaining what images will be used for, how they will be stored and what potential risks are associated with sharing images of children
- making it clear that if a child or their family withdraw consent for an image to be shared, it may not be possible to delete images that have already been shared or published

Policy for Photography at Somerset Junior Netball Fixtures and events

In order to safeguard our young players, Somerset County Junior Netball guidance on photography is that:-

1. There is to be **no** unauthorised photography allowed during matches the fixtures or events
2. Photographs of squads only (and not the opposition) is allowed as per the Clubs own photography policy
3. If photography is required at a junior fixture or event for a specific project (i.e. for a player assignment/school project)
 - a. the Club must approach the opposition **one week prior** to gain consent of all young players/parents.
 - b. Clubs should also explain to the potential photographer the relevance of how the images/film is stored as per the EN Safeguarding Policy.

- c. Once consent is given by the opposition the Club must inform the County Junior Lead with the name and full contact details of the individual wishing to take the photographs and specific detail of the affected fixture, who will arrange for the necessary identification to be given to the person authorised to take such photographs.

External Photography

If Somerset Junior Netball hires an external photographer for one of our events, we will seek to keep children and young people safe by:-

- providing the photographer with a clear brief about appropriate content and behaviour
- ensuring the photographer wears identification at all times
- informing Clubs who will then ensure communication to their children, parents and carers that a photographer will be at the event
- not allowing the photographer to have unsupervised access to children
- not allowing the photographer to carry out sessions outside the event
- reporting concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography

Reporting Concerns

All coaches, volunteers, children and parents should be aware that if they have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (i.e., lack of consent, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), these should be reported to the County Junior Lead (somersetjuniornetball@gmail.com) with as much detail as possible.

This will then be reviewed by the Somerset Junior Netball Committee and the specific Club involved Safeguarding Officer and relevant Club Committee members (if necessary).

If applicable necessary action may be taken.

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