

Policy for photography of children (under 18s)

Parents/carers often want to be able to celebrate the achievements of their children when taking part in sporting activities through photography. Sports organisations may also want photos to promote their activities and increase participation. Reaction Photography helps meet these needs but is first and foremost committed to safeguarding children and young people.

Reaction Photography always adheres to the law, as well as following guidance and policies. There are no photography laws that address photographing children.

There are some organisations who offer guidance on children photography:

- the Children Protection in Sport Unit of the NSPCC offers advice ([link here](#));
- the Football Association (FA) encourage the taking of appropriate images of children in football ([link here](#)).

A Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check is not required unless the photographer is or may be in contact with individual players, in a sports context. This is not required for sports photographers as the photographer is photographing from the sidelines and has no personal contact with players.

As part of our approach to safe photography of children in sport, we follow the aforementioned guidelines as well as some additional rules:

- Reaction Photography wear appropriate identification at all times including branding;
- Children will not have a name clearly attached to their photograph. The only time I require a child's name is if I am submitting the picture to a local paper and I will acquire the name from the responsible adult in charge e.g. Parent, Manager or Teacher;
- Care is taken not to publish photographs with a pose that can be obviously changed to something more sinister. Anything identified as such is deleted as soon as possible;
- Reaction Photography will not publish photographs of children in distress, injured or visibly upset;
- Reaction Photography will immediately remove any photograph from the website galleries on receipt of notification by a parent or similar;
- Reaction Photography will not photograph a junior event without first having gained permission from the organisers. Normally permission will be gained well in advance of the event taking place. If a sports event, I will also double check on the day with both managers and referee prior to game start.

If you are concerned about the inappropriate use of images please report this as follows:

- **Any sport** – to the Police by calling 999 (in an emergency only) or 101 (in a non-emergency);
- **Football** – to the FA's Case Management Team, email: case.management@TheFA.com, telephone: 0207 745 4787;
- **On the internet** – to the Internet Watch Foundation, email: report@iwf.org.uk, telephone: 01223 237700, www.iwf.org.uk.

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