



Photography and Video Camera Guidelines

These guidelines identify RCC's controls on the use of photographic equipment (cameras and videos, including mobile phones and other portable devices). The guidelines form part of general safeguarding good practice in the Club. They are also in line with the ECB and Surrey's guidelines. The guidelines are applicable both at the Club's home ground(s) and also at away venues. Opposition teams visiting the ground(s) will have their attention brought to these guidelines.

RCC believes parents should not be prevented from taking pictures of or filming their children whilst playing cricket or training for RCC. However, implementation of these guidelines aims to reduce the risks of:

Inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use on various websites on the internet

Identification of children when a photograph is accompanied by significant personal information that will assist a third party to identify the child. This can lead/has led to children being "groomed".

Identification and locating of children in inappropriate circumstances including:

- (i) where a child has been removed from his/her family for their own safety;
- (ii) where restrictions on contact with one parent following a parental separation exist e.g. in domestic violence cases;
- (iii) in situations where a child may be a witness in criminal proceedings;
- (iv) other child protection concerns

Parents are reminded, as detailed above, identification/tagging of a child and/or location on social media sites may put that child at risk.

RCC's policy is as follows:

Photographs/images are not to be taken at matches or training without the prior permission of the parents/guardians of the children. This permission can be given by proxy by the coach of each team only after parental consent for this has been granted via the annual registration system. The coach must check this consent prior to attending matches. Children for whom photography/video permission has not been granted are to be identified on the session register.

If no photographic or video consent has been given for a child then it is to be made known to the relevant photographer(s) of both Rowledge and of the other team (e.g. Coach / Team manager) so that the appropriate person/s taking photos is aware and can avoid taking photos of that particular child/children.

The children should be informed beforehand photographs will be taken.

The children should be informed that if they have concerns they can report these to the Coach or Team Manager.

Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to RCC's Child Protection Officers and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.

RCC will ask for parental permission to use their child's image and wherever possible show the image to the parents and child in advance. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image will be used to represent cricket and the Club.

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If a cricketer/child is named, RCC will avoid using their photograph in publications, social media or on the website.

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RCC won't use player profiles with pictures and detailed personal information in publications, social media or on the website.



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RCC won't use an image for something other than that what it was initially intended and agreed.

Under no circumstances will cameras or videos (including mobile phones and other portable devices that take photographs or video) be allowed in the Club's showers or changing areas.

Photographs will/should focus on the activity rather than the individual.

RCC will only use images of children in appropriate kit (training or competition) to reduce the risk of inappropriate use, and to provide positive images of the children.

RCC will take pictures which represent the broad range of youngsters participating safely in cricket e.g. boys and girls, disabled people, ethnic minority communities.

Points to consider:

It is not an offence to take appropriate photographs in a public place even if asked not to do so.

No one has the right to decide who can and cannot take images on public land.

If anyone has serious concerns about a possible child protection issue relating to the recording of images then contact the Club's Child Protection officers or call the police. This action should only be taken where you believe that someone may be acting unlawfully or putting a child at risk.

On private land - The land or facility owner can decide whether or not photography and/or videoing at cricket activities will be permitted e.g. matches/training at Frensham Heights School. If photography or videoing is not allowed and RCC or Opposition Clubs do not comply then they may be requested to leave by the facility owner or landowner. However, this needs to be made known before allowing access to the private property.

If RCC are commissioning professional photographers or inviting the press to cover a cricket activity, RCC will ensure there is clear guidance on the images to be taken, including information on :

What is considered appropriate in terms of content and behaviour.

RCC's commitment to safeguarding children and young people and to aid this RCC will establish who will hold the recorded images and what they intend/are allowed to do with them.

Issue the professional photographer with identification, which must be worn at all times.

Inform participants and parents/carers prior to the event that a professional photographer will be in attendance and ensure we have established that no under 18's will be compromised due to child protection concerns if their image is taken. RCC can do this by using the annual consent form at the start of the season.

Using Video as a Coaching Aid:

Using video equipment is a legitimate coaching aid for RCC. However, players and parents/guardians should be aware that this is part of the coaching programme.

Material taken in connection with coaching will be stored safely and must only be shown to the relevant player.

The club will delete/erase the footage if so requested, if the player leaves the club, or when the material is no longer needed.

The Parents/Guardians and children must provide written consent for the use of photography and video analysis.