



In line with the recommendation in the England Netball Policy on Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Netball, Kent Netball requests that any person wishing to take photographic or recorded images should register their details with staff at the registration desk before carrying out any such activity.

Kent Netball reserves the right to challenge and report anyone they deem to be taking inappropriate images.

Policy on the Taking and Use of Photographic and Recorded Images of Young People

Kent Netball adopts England Netball's policy for the taking and use of photographic and recorded images of young people and works in accordance with the following statement:

Introduction

Kent Netball does not wish to prevent parents or other spectators being able to take legitimate photographs or recorded images. Use of recorded images can also be a valuable coaching aid. However Kent Netball is committed to providing a safe environment for young people under the age of 18. Included in this commitment is ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to protect young people from the inappropriate use of their images in resources and media publications, on the Internet, and elsewhere.

Photographic and recorded images can be used as a means of identifying young people if accompanied by personal information. This has the potential to make a young person vulnerable to individuals seeking to 'groom' young people for abuse. Additionally, images can be used or adapted for inappropriate use. There is evidence of adapted sporting images being used on websites displaying images of child abuse.

This policy covers the following key areas:

- the taking and/or publishing of photographic and recorded images of young people
- the use of photographic or record image equipment at netball events
- the use of photographic or recorded image equipment as a coaching aid.

Photographic or Recorded Images

This includes images or recorded images using a camera, digital camera, video recorder, mobile phone or personal digital assistant devices (PDA).

Principles

- Everyone within Kent Netball should have an understanding of the issues relating to taking and use of photographic and recorded images of young people and what England Netball's policy is on this.
- Parents and young people have a right to decide whether young people's images are to be made, and how those images may be used.
- In accordance with good practice guidance for netball activities and events, parents and young people must provide written consent for young people's images to be taken and used. There may be legitimate reasons for denying consent i.e. subject to legal restrictions.
- A registration process should be used for photographers in accordance with the good practice guidance on photography and recorded images. This will help deter those wishing to take photographs or recorded images for inappropriate use.
- Images should convey the best principles and aspects of netball, such as fairness and fun.
- Care should be taken to ensure that images are not sexual or exploitative in nature, nor open to obvious misinterpretation and misuse.
- All images of young people should be securely stored to avoid inappropriate use.
- In the case of images used on websites, particular care must be taken to ensure that no identifying details facilitate contact with a young person by a potential abuser.
- Where used for coaching purposes, players and their parents should be made aware that this is part of the coaching programme and be clear of the purpose of filming as a coaching aid.
- Suspected inappropriate taking of photographic or recorded images should be challenged and reported.

When assessing the potential risks in the use of images of players, the most important factor is the potential of inappropriate use of images of young people. Awareness of the risks, and taking appropriate steps, can reduce the potential for misuse of images.



Taking and Use of Photographic and Recorded Images of Young People

Definition

Photographic images and video images includes the use of cameras, digital cameras, video recorders, mobile phones and personal digital assistant devices (PDA).

Key Principles

England Netball adopts the following key principles:

- The interests and welfare of children taking part in netball are paramount.
- Parents/carers and children have a right to decide whether children's images are to be taken, and how those images may be used.
- Parents/carers and children must provide written consent for children's images to be taken and used.
- Images should convey the best principles and aspects of netball, such as fairness and fun.
- Care should be taken to ensure that images are not sexual or exploitative in nature, nor open to obvious misinterpretation and misuse.
- Images should only be taken by authorised persons, as agreed in the protocol for a particular event.
- All images of children should be securely stored.
- In the case of images used on websites, particular care must be taken to ensure that no identifying details facilitate contact with a child by a potential abuser.

Use of Photographic Filming Equipment at Netball Events

England Netball does not wish to prevent parents, carers or other spectators being able to take legitimate photographs or video footage of competitors. However, there is evidence that certain individuals will visit sporting events to take inappropriate photographs or video footage of children/young people. All clubs, counties and regions should be vigilant about this possibility. Any concerns during an event should be reported to the Club/Regional Safeguarding Officer or the Event Organiser.

Use of Video as a Coaching Aid

The use of video equipment can be a valuable coaching aid provided the following is considered:

- Players and their parents should be aware that this is part of the coaching programme and clear of the purpose of filming as a coaching aid.
- Care should be taken in the storing of coaching films to avoid inappropriate use.
- Seek written permission from the player and parent for the use of photography and video analysis.
- When filming, ensure that there is an appropriate approved adult from the club present.