



PHOTOGRAPHY & USE OF IMAGES POLICY

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PHOTOGRAPHY & USE OF IMAGES POLICY STATEMENT

The Club recognises that parents, carers and spectators may wish to photograph their children, relatives or friends participating in Club activities. However, in order to safeguard children under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults, certain controls are required.

This policy forms part of the safeguarding arrangements at Omagh Lawn Tennis Club.

MANAGING THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDING

In order to manage photography and video recording, any user of photographic equipment or equipment capable of taking or recording images at an event, and intending to photograph and/or video, must make the Club aware of this.

It is not uncommon for coaches to wish to take photographs or record activities for training purposes. Where the Club's coach or officials plan to take photographs for training or publicity purposes, they will advise parents, carers, etc, in advance and seek written consent to do so and as appropriate upload images to the Club's or their organisation's social media platforms.

If parents or carers object to these activities, then their children will not be photographed or be part of any video recording and accept this may exclude the child from drills at specific parts.

Where parents wish to take photographs of their children participating in the Club's activities, they are asked to respect the privacy of others e.g. by avoiding capturing images of others in the background.

If anyone has concerns about unauthorised photography or video recording this should be reported to the event organisers, club officials, coaches or the Club's Children officers immediately.

IMAGE & VIDEO CONTENT

To meet safeguarding requirements:

- All children featured must be appropriately dressed i.e. wearing t-shirts and shorts or skirts/dresses that cover the torso from neck to thighs.
- The focus of images should be tennis and where possible images should involve groups of children or adults, rather than individuals.
- Images should be representative of diversity at the event with regard to age, gender, ethnicity and disability.
- Any inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Club's Children's officers and the PSNI.

PUBLISHING IMAGES

Where the Club or its coach intends to publish or upload images featuring children or vulnerable adults this will only be carried out where written consent has been given by appropriate adults. Images will be chosen with care to meet safeguarding standards.

REVIEW

This policy will be made available to all club members and those using the club through the club's website www.omaghltc.com.

The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed regularly [at least every two years] and action taken as necessary.