

Ellingham and Ringwood RFC

Photography and Video Recording Policy

Introduction

Ellingham and Ringwood RFC have adopted the RFU Best Practice Guidelines for photographic or recorded images - including those taken by mobile telephone.

As part of our commitment to ensure the safety of children we will not permit photographs or recordings of children to be taken or used without the consent of the parents/guardian of the child.

Ellingham and Ringwood RFC will use it's best endeavours to ensure photographs or recordings are used solely for the purposes they are intended which is the promotion and celebration of the activities associated with rugby.

Approval

This policy was approved by the club's committee in August 2015.

Applicability

This policy is applicable to all Mini and Junior age groups, including the Girls section.

Aims and objectives

Implicit in our commitment to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for children, is the commitment to ensure that all photographs or recordings represent participants appropriately and with due respect.

By adopting this policy we will put in place the best possible practice to protect children wherever photographs or recordings are taken, published and stored.

Policy guidance

Ensure parents/guardian have granted their consent for the taking and publication of photographs and recordings and have signed and returned the Photographic Policy consent form. Coaches should make sure they understand the status of their players with regard to this.

All children must be appropriately dressed for the activity taking place.

Photography or recordings should focus on the activity rather than a particular child.

Personal details which might make a child vulnerable, such as their address, contact details, or interests must never be revealed.

Where an individual has achieved success in the game (e.g. when selected for representative side or showing triumph over adversity) permission must be gained from parent/guardian and child to use photographs/recordings and relevant details.

Where possible, to reflect the RFU Equity Policy, photographs or recordings should represent the diverse range of children participating in rugby.

Anyone taking photographs or recording at any Ellingham and Ringwood rugby event must have a valid reason for doing so and seek the permission of the organisers, persons in charge or coach.

Anyone taking photographs or recording should make themselves known to the event organisers/persons in charge or coach and be able to identify themselves if requested during the course of the event.

All concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography or recordings should be reported to the club's Safeguarding Officer.

Publication of photographs or recordings

The photographs or recordings may be published on the club's website, newsletter or the club's official social media outlets.

The photographs or recordings may also be used on official club press releases to various publications connected with the club.

Removal of photographs or recordings

If at any time a parent/guardian or child wishes the photograph or recording be removed, the club's Safeguarding Officer should be informed.

Inappropriate use of images and recordings

If you or anyone you know becomes aware that images are being used inappropriately you should inform the club's Safeguarding Officer or any other Club Official.