



## Policy Document

### USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OR RECORDED IMAGES OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE (U18) AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Implicit within the British Gymnastics Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and Guidelines is the commitment to ensure that all publications and media represent participants appropriately and with due respect. It is not the intention of British Gymnastics to prevent parents from taking pictures of their children but rather to ensure photographic practices are carefully monitored to allow the NGB to act if inappropriate imagery is circulated and to deter anyone with undesirable intentions.

- The use of mobile phones within the event arena or training area is prohibited, unless registered as a photographic device.
- A photograph or image (website) of a child should not be published without written consent, and personal information of the individual, other than the name, should not accompany the image.
- Care must be taken to ensure that images of children who are under a court order are not recorded or published without permission.
- Simultaneous streaming of images onto a website should be avoided. The delayed streaming will provide an opportunity for editing inappropriate images. It is also recommended that an independent server is used to ensure that images can not be accessed, copied or downloaded.
- Websites should be carefully monitored to eliminate the use of inappropriate images or improper text.
- Any instance of the use of inappropriate images should be reported to British Gymnastics who may then inform the appropriate authorities.
- British Gymnastics competition entry forms will contain an informed consent statement that photographers will be present at British Gymnastics events and images may be published by British Gymnastics. By entering for the event, there is acceptance that the child/participant may be photographed.
- It is also a recommendation that clubs should also introduce a parental consent form for the taking and publishing of video, photographs and images.
- British Gymnastics Regions or Home Nations may implement their own photography accreditation system which may be an annual accreditation or other procedure that suits the local needs.

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