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## **Photographic Consent Policy**

### **Policy Statement**

Foresight is committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18 to participate in activities. Essential to this commitment, is to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect children/young people from the inappropriate use of photographic images.

Photographs can be used as a means of identifying children and young people when they are accompanied with personal information. This information can make children vulnerable to an individual who may wish to groom that child for abuse. The content of the photograph can be used or adapted for inappropriate use, there is evidence of adapted material finding its way on to the child pornography site.

Foresight will implement this policy with regard to any activity it organises for children/young people.

### **Key Principles**

- The interests of welfare of children taking part in activities are paramount. Parents/carers and children have a right to decide whether children's images are to be taken and how these images may be used.
- Images should convey the best images and aspects of sport such as fairness and fun.
- Care should be taken to ensure that images are not sexual or exploitive nor open to misappropriation or 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 potential abusers.  
\* including the use of mobile phones with photographic / video capability

### **Publishing Images**

- From the use of consent forms we will ask for the permission of children / young people and their parent / carers to take and use their image. . We will never publish personal details (e-mail, address, telephone numbers, etc) of a child/young person.
- We will only authorise the use of images of children / young people in suitable dress.

### **Use of Photographic Filming Equipment of Foresight Events and Sessions**

- Foresight will inform children/young people, parents/carers that photographers may be in attendance at an Event/Session and ensure they consent to both the taking of and publishing promotional photographs.
- Require parents, spectators and authorised photographers e.g. press to register at an event if they wish to use photographic equipment, including mobile phones with photographic technology.
- Issue identification pass which must be worn and clearly visible at all times during the event.
- Not approve/allow unsupervised access to children/young people or one to one photo sessions at events by any other photographers apart from parents/carers.
- Not allow photographic sessions outside the event or at children / young people's homes.
- Will act on all concerns of any children/young people or parents regarding the inappropriate use of photographic equipment.
- Notify children/young people and their parents/carers if video equipment is to be used as a aid or for promotional purposes. Ensure that any photographic images taken and used will be stored safely

*This information is also available in other formats, languages and picture format upon request.*