



## Photographs and Images Of Children

Adapted from Tennis Ireland Child Protection Fact Sheet 10

[http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/child\\_protection](http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/child_protection)

There have been concerns about the risks posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on sports websites and other publications. Photographs can be used as a means of identifying children when they are accompanied with personal information – this is X who lives at Y, is a member of the Z Tennis club and who likes a certain music group.

This information can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to start to “groom” that child for abuse. Secondly the content of the photo can be used or adapted for inappropriate use.

Celbridge Tennis Club follows guidelines set out by the Tennis Ireland policy in relation to the use of images of athletes on our websites and in other club publications. Club officers, coaches, parents/guardians and sport leaders need to make decisions about the type of images considered suitable and that appropriately represent the club, without putting children at increased risk.

The club wishes to ensure that parents/guardians support this policy. When assessing the potential risks in the use of images of athletes, the most important factor is the potential of inappropriate use of images of children. If the club and its officers are aware of the potential risks and take appropriate steps, the potential for misuse of images can be reduced.

Tennis Ireland would advise sporting bodies to:

Consider using models or illustrations if we are promoting an activity  
Avoid the use of the first name and surname of individuals in a photograph.  
This reduces the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people within and outside the sport.

Easy rules to remember are:

If the child is named, avoid using their photograph

If a photograph is used, avoid naming the child

Ask for the child’s permission to use their image. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image is to be used to represent the sport. A Child’s Permission Form is available from the club office.

Ask for parental permission to use an image of a young person. This ensures that parents are aware of the way the image of their child is representing the sport.

A Parental Permission form is available from the club office

Only use images of children in suitable dress in line with Club Tennis Dress Code to reduce the risk of inappropriate use.

If concerned about the use of inappropriate images that you feel may create risks to children or junior members, contact the Club Child Protection Officers, coaches or any committee member.

### **Guidelines for Use of Photographic Filming Equipment at Sporting Events**

Provide a clear brief about what is considered appropriate in terms of content and behaviour, including the displaying of notices at each event.

Issue the photographer with identification which must be worn at all times

Inform children and parents that a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they consent to both the taking and publication of films or photographs

Do not allow unsupervised access to children or one to one photo sessions at events

Do not approve/allow photo sessions outside the events or at an child's home

If parents or other spectators are intending to photograph or video at an event they should also be made aware of your expectations

Spectators should be asked to register at an event if they wish to use photographic equipment

Children and parents should be informed that if they have concerns they can report these to the organiser

Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the event organiser or official and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.

### **CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS**

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