



## **Photographic and video image use of Children/Young people under the age of 18**

### **Policy Statement**

Cumbria Squash and Racketball is committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18 to participate in our sports. 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. We aim to balance this against the positive impact that publicity can have in encouraging children and young people to keep playing, to improve, to enjoy their playing and their participation in teams and tournaments and to use squash and racketball to stay healthy and develop physical, emotional and social skills.

We have adopted the following good practice guidelines:

#### **Publishing Images**

Through the use of a Consent Form, we will ask for the permission of young players and their carers to take and use their image.

We will **NEVER** publish contact details (email addresses, telephone numbers, addresses etc) of a child/young person

We will only authorise the use of images of players in suitable dress (Tracksuit, on court clothing i.e. T-shirt/shorts/skirt, off court clothing)

#### **Use of Photographic Filming Equipment at Squash & Racketball Events**

We will:

Inform players 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

Require parents, spectators and authorised photographers to get permission from the event organiser if they wish to use any photographic equipment including mobile phones with cameras.

Not allow unsupervised access to players or one to one photo sessions at events

Not approve/allow photo sessions outside the events or at a player's home

Act on the concerns of any players and parents regarding the inappropriate use of photographic equipment

Inform children/young people and their parents/carers if video equipment is to be used as a coaching aid.