



# UK **T**aekwondo

## Development Council

### Photography

Safety Guidance SG-11



## Event Photography – Policy

Some of the best and most memorable photographs we take are those of children. However, we recognise that in today's world, we must exercise a sufficient degree of care and diligence to ensure the safety of the children we photograph, without destroying the delight and amazement that photos of children create.

Undoubtedly certain individuals will visit sporting events to take inappropriate photographs or video footage of young sports people. All UKTDC coaches should be vigilant about this possibility. Any concerns during an event should be reported to a club official or other responsible person.

### Events

It is recommended that the specific details concerning photographic, video and filming equipment registration should, wherever possible be published in the event documentation and where possible announced over the public address system prior to the start of the event.

### Suggested wording

*In line with the recommendation in the UKTDC child protection policy, the promoters of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should register their details with event officials at the registration desk before carrying out any photography.*

*The promoter reserves the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the promoter's conditions.*

*If you are concerned about any photography taking place at this event please contact the promoter or event organiser who will be pleased to discuss the matter with you.*

**Use form SG11-F1**



### **Videeing as a coaching aid**

Club coaches and instructors often use videeing as a legitimate coaching aid. However, children/young people and their parents should be aware that this is part of the coaching programme and care should be taken in the storing of such films. If clubs are concerned that someone they do not know is using their sessions for photography or filming purposes, they should ask them to leave and contact the UKTDC for further advice.

### **Use of Photographs for Websites**

Photographs of children and young people on websites can pose direct or indirect risks to their subjects. For example, images accompanied by personal information - 'this is X who likes to collect stamps' - could be used by an individual to learn more about a child prior to 'grooming' them for abuse. Or the content of the photo could be used or adapted for inappropriate use.

Make sure that you take your audience and purpose into proper consideration when publishing any photographic/film material. When assessing risk, the most important factor is the potential for inappropriate use of the images. You should take the following steps to reduce the potential for misuse:

- Avoid using children's names (first name or surname) in photograph captions. If the child is named, avoid using his or her photograph. If a photograph is used, avoid naming the child.
- Use a consent form to request and record parental permission to use an image of their person. This ensures that parents know that an image of their child is being used to represent the sport
- Ask for children's permission to use their image. This ensures that they are aware of the way their image is being used to represent the sport.
- Only use images of children in suitable dress to reduce the risk of inappropriate use.
- The age of children is another factor to be considered when deciding what is appropriate.