



# Beckington Cricket Club Photography and Videography Policy

## Introduction

Beckington Cricket Club is keen to promote the playing of cricket. Photographs of adults and children playing and enjoying cricket is an integral part of this promotion. However, it is necessary to ensure that photographs taken are appropriate, and do not compromise the safety of the children in the photo.

## Consent to Photograph

On all junior membership forms, parents (and juniors, if aged 12-17) are asked for consent to be photographed. Beckington Cricket Club accepts that giving this consent could compromise the safety of the child in some cases (e.g. there may be estranged parents who are looking to gain access to a child). Where this is the case, consent should not be given, and the club will ensure that the child in question does not appear in any photographs.

However, every child for whom consent is withheld adds to the workload of our volunteer media team, vetting photos before using them for club purposes. Therefore where the child's safety is not at risk, we ask that consent is always given. If consent is withheld without good reason, then we may ask the child not to attend sessions where the club photographer is in attendance.

Where consent to photograph is withheld, identification photographs of the child in question will be taken from a number of angles and held internally by the club's media team, for the purposes of identifying the child in photographs taken at a later date.

## Official Club Photographer

An Official Club Photographer may be in attendance at training sessions and matches. The children will always be informed at the start of the session if this is the case. Where this is the case, they will initially take photos without regard to whether consent to photograph all children in the picture has been obtained. The photos will subsequently be examined by our media team, and if any child appears in a photograph without consent having been obtained, the photograph will be destroyed.

## Press Photographers

Press Photographers may attend matches and other events from time to time. Whenever they do so, they will always ask for permission to take photographs before doing so. If a child for whom permission has been withheld is involved, then they will be instructed that any photographs taken are not to include that child. If you are asked for permission to take photographs by a member of the press, and do not know the permission status of all players on the field, please refer the photographer to an officer of Beckington Cricket Club.

## Private Photographs

Taking pictures of your children is part of parenting, and is a great way to record their childhood. However, this has to be balanced against the needs of the other children who are also in the photograph. Therefore parents who take photos must adhere to the following rules:

- All photos taken should primarily focus on the child of the photographer, and those children they are directly interacting with at the time.
- Photographs of children must not be inappropriate.
- Photographs which show any juniors other than the children of the photographer, must not be published without first being checked and approved for publication by Beckington Cricket Club. Publication includes being printed in newspapers and magazines, on posters, and being uploaded

onto the Internet, including, but not limited to, social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Permission will be granted only if consent to photograph has been obtained for every child in the photograph.

- Children who appear in a published photograph, must not be named without permission to do so from their parents.
- The club reserves the right to confiscate photographic equipment at any time, in order to check that the photographs taken are in accordance with this policy document.

## **Publication of Photographs**

Beckington Cricket Club may use photographs of children in its literature, including, but not limited to, the annual club brochure, posters, the club website and newspaper articles.

Photographs will not be published if they show any child for whom the club has not received consent to photograph. Children who appear in a published photograph will not be named without permission to do so from their parents.

Where the photograph focuses on a single child, specific permission to use the photograph will be obtained before the photograph is used. Where the photograph focuses on a group of children, consent to photograph each child will be considered to be sufficient.

## **Inappropriate Photographs**

Photographs of children must not be inappropriate. Any person suspected of taking inappropriate photographs of children will have their equipment confiscated by Beckington Cricket Club, to check the photographs which have been taken. Anybody who suspects that inappropriate photographs of children are being taken, must report their suspicion to the club's Child Welfare Officer.

## **Videography**

The club photography policy applies equally to videography.

## **Photographs of Matches**

Before taking photographs of cricket matches, permission must be obtained from both clubs involved, as the opposition's Photography and Videography Policy may be different to Beckington Cricket Club's policy.