



PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOING POLICY

PRNA acknowledges that many parents and club supporters wish to take photographs and videos for both personal and club reasons and as coaching tools.

PRNA recognises that in the current environment that we live in, there is a potential for inappropriate use of Photography and Videoing.

Clubs need to ensure that their members, parents and supporters are advised of their responsibility and only take photographs/videos for appropriate and genuine reasons. Clubs should do this through their club newsletters, notice boards and team meetings.

Although the intentions of the person taking the photographs/video may be quite harmless at the time, there are many outside influences which may occur in the future where the photographs/videos may be viewed by other people; published in newspaper, on a television program, club newsletter and/or website etc.,

Clubs are to take responsibility for their members at each match they attend to ensure that they are using photography/videoing for an appropriate reason.

The Child Protection Act 1999 contains the prohibition on publication –

“189 Prohibition of publication of information leading to identity of children

- (1) *A person must not, without the chief executive’s written approval, publish information that identifies, or is likely to lead to the identification of, a child as—*
- (a) *a child who is or has been the subject of an investigation under this Act of an allegation of harm or risk of harm; or*
 - (b) *a child in the chief executive’s custody or guardianship under this Act; or*
 - (c) *a child for whom an order is in force.*
- Maximum penalty—*
- (a) *for an individual—100 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment; or”*

1. Permission is to be obtained from the opposition team officials if a parent/supporter wishes to take photographs or video of the match. If permission is not given, please respect and observe the request of the opposition team members.
2. Advise the umpires of the game in question that appropriate permission has been received.
3. It is also advisable that the umpires approach the teams to ascertain that permission has indeed been given.
4. If there is any dispute or disagreement, photography of the game should not commence.
5. In the event that the media or professional photographers are in attendance at fixtures, permission need only be sought from the PRNA office. Permission will only be granted to fully accredited professionals.
6. PRNA will announce the impending attendance of Professional Photographers, and will request any Club, Team Official or Parent/Guardian who has an objection to Photography being carried out, to report to Control immediately to register their objection.

PRNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE