



TRISudbury Triathlon Club Photography Policy

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The use of photographic and video equipment has helped capture some of the greatest individual and team successes and has helped the club to promote itself to a wider audience, however, this needs to take place in a safe environment. TRISudbury is committed to providing a safe environment for all its junior members under the age of 18 to compete in triathlon. To achieve this aim it is important that the club takes steps to protect our junior athletes from inappropriate use of photographic images.

Photographic Images at events

TRISudbury and British Triathlon does not wish to prevent parents, carers or other spectators from taking photos or video footage during a triathlon event, however, there is evidence that certain individuals visit sporting events to take inappropriate images of children/young people. Therefore, all individuals wishing to take photos or videos during the event need to submit a registration form and read the photography guidance. They will then be issued a wristband that must remain clearly identifiable at all times. With the exception of the official event photographers, anyone who wishes to register must have a child in the event or be attending with a child in the event. The adult must attend the registration desk with the child before a wrist band is issued. Marshalls will challenge anyone seen taking photos or filming without a wrist band.

Any official photographer at an event must be easily identifiable and wear ID at all times. All competitors and parents/carers must be made aware that a photographer will be in attendance and give their consent to images being taken. Any official and press photographer will be made aware of athletes who do not consent for images to be taken. The photographers will not have any unsupervised access to competitors.

Competitors and spectators will be informed that if they have concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography they can report these to the marshals.

Parents/carers should make their child/ren the focus of the images. Of course other children may end up in the background of photos and it is understood that this is difficult to avoid. If parents/carers want to take a group shot with a few other children who have competed they need to get the verbal consent of their parents.

Guidance for filming junior members during training sessions and club activities

When joining the club, all parents/carers need to complete a photography consent form. This acts as a rolling consent to cover filming during training sessions and for the celebration and promotion of TRISudbury. There should always be a clear and valid reason why filming a child during training is necessary, for example, the mastery of a skill.



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Children at Risk

It is important that the club is made aware of children who if recognised may be put at risk. For example children who have been removed from their family for their own safety; if there are restrictions on parental access following a separation of parents and if the child is a witness in legal proceedings

British Triathlon Recommend that:

- If an image of an athlete under 18 years of age is published or used by the club for any reason, the child/young persons parent/carer should give consent.
- A parent/carer can refuse their child being photographed. This would never exclude the child from any club activities
- If a photograph is used, the athlete's name and personal details: address, email, telephone number will never be published. Photographs can be used as a means of identification when accompanied by personal information, making a child vulnerable to grooming.
- Action shots should demonstrate the spirit of the sporting activity and should not be taken if the athlete's swimwear or trisuit are ripped or displaced.

Storage of photographic images.

All photographic images must be securely stored in line with GDPR guidelines. Parents/carers must provide consent for the club to keep stored images of their child. Any videos taken for coaching purposes of juniors must be deleted within a year or sooner if they are no longer deemed useful.

If members have any concerns regarding the inappropriate use of photographic images contact the club welfare officer immediately or a race official at an event.

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