



The UK 29er Class Association. Photography Policy

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this document is to define the UK 29er Class Association policy on the use of photography at events, with specific reference to photographs of individuals under the age of 18 being taken and used.

1.2 This policy is defined with reference to the UK 29er Class Association Child Welfare Policy and Procedures.

1.3 For the purpose of this policy, the use of the terms 'child', 'children', 'young people' and 'individuals under the age of 18' are interchangeable and are not intended to demean or affect the rights nor standing of any member of the UK 29er Class Association.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

The UK 29er Class Association will seek to minimise the risk of anyone using images of children in an inappropriate way. Before taking photos or video, written consent must be obtained from the child and their parents/guardians for their images to be taken and used.

3. PROCEDURES

3.1 The following procedures will be used by the UK 29er Class Association to ensure support compliance with this policy:

- a) Photography consent forms will be used to obtain photography consent from parents / guardians of all sailors under the age of 18 participating at events organised by the UK 29er Class Association. This may be done electronically, via the UK 29er Class Association on-line entry process, and will only be collected once during a calendar year.
- b) Any photographer or member of the press or media attending an event should normally wear identification at all times and should be fully briefed in advance on the UK 29er Class Association expectations regarding his/her behaviour and the



issues covered by these guidelines.

- c) Any photographer or member of the press or media attending an event must not be allowed unsupervised access to young people at the event or to arrange photo sessions outside the event.
- d) Consent should also be obtained for the use of video as a coaching aid. Any other use by a coach will be regarded as a breach of the RYAs Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- e) Care must be taken in the storage of and access to images.

4. PUBLISHING PHOTOGRAPHS

General principle

When publishing images, make sure they are appropriate and do not include any information that might enable someone to directly contact any individual shown in the photograph.

4.1 It is preferable to use a general shot showing participants on the water, or a group shot of the prize-winners, without identifying them by name.

4.2 When recognising the achievement of an individual sailor and wishing to publish their name with their photo, DO NOT publish any other information (e.g., where they live, name of school, other hobbies, and interests) that would enable someone to contact, befriend or start to 'groom' the child.

4.3 Ensure that the young people pictured are suitably dressed, to reduce the risk of inappropriate use.

5. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Most sailing activity takes place in areas that are open to the public and it is therefore not possible to control all photography, but any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography, or about the inappropriate use of images, should be reported to the UK 29er Class Association child welfare co-ordinator and treated in the same way as any other child protection concern.

5.1 Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming.

5.2 The use of cameras or camera phones in changing areas should not be permitted in any circumstances. Such use by young people should be regarded as a form of bullying.