

## **LINLITHGOW SPORTS CLUB**

### **PHOTOGRAPHING AND FILMING OF CHILDREN POLICY**

#### **The club wishes to address the following concerns**

- The possible identification of children when a photograph is accompanied by personal information.
- The inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use on child pornography websites.
- The taking of inappropriate photographs or recorded images of children.
- The breach of court orders restricting photography of specific children.

This information can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to 'groom' that child for abuse. Secondly, photographs can be adapted for inappropriate use. There is evidence of adapted material finding its way onto child pornography sites.

#### **Rules for recording images**

- All children featured in recordings must be appropriately dressed, with outer clothing garments covering their torso from at least the bottom of their neck to their thighs (i.e. a minimum of vest/shirt and shorts).
- The photograph should ideally focus on the activity. Where possible, images of children/young people should be recorded in small groups (the group may comprise any combination of adults and children).
- You should ensure that images of a young person are not recorded and published where a court order prohibits this.
- Any inappropriate use of photography or of images should be reported to the police

#### **Policy on the use of images of children and young people under the age of 18**

Coaches can use video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid. However, players and their parents/carers should be made aware that this forms part of the coaching programme, and recordings should be used, stored and destroyed with care

#### **Photography and film at sport events**

There is evidence that some people have used sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate photographs and film footage of young and disabled sportspeople. The Club has a duty of care to ensure that this risk is minimised.

### **Rules adopted by the Club:**

- Press need to be clearly identified and have permission from a club official before taking photographs of children.
- A defined club official may take photographs of children, but will have asked parental permission prior to doing this through the club's newsletter
- Unsupervised access to players or one-to-one photo sessions is forbidden
- Photographers are informed about what is considered appropriate in terms of content and behaviour of the children they photograph
- Photographers must be able to identify any players who have not consented to being photographed.
- Parents or other spectators intending to photograph or video at an event, are made aware of the Club's expectations
- Participants and parents are informed that, if they have concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography, they should report their concerns to the club event organiser or official
- Event organisers should approach and challenge any person taking photographs who has not registered with them. The matter may need to be referred to the police, if the person involved continues to record images.
- Any photographs of youngsters under 18 on our club website are usually in a group, due consideration is given to diversity, i.e. gender, ethnicity, ability and age, also dress. Full names of those children photographed are not provided and other personal details, such as home address, email address and telephone numbers are never given