



# EASTBOURNE BOROUGH YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



## Photography Guidelines

Celebrating Football through Photographs

These following guidelines have been produced by the FA and have been adopted by Eastbourne Borough Youth Football Club and must be adopted and adhered to by all managers/ coaches /players and spectators

It's important to remember the majority of images taken are appropriate and taken in good faith. If we take the following simple measures we can help can help to ensure the safety of children in football

### **The FA has developed this guidance to help avoid the following:**

- The inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use on child abuse websites on the internet (often incorrectly referred to as pornography sites)
- The identification of children when a photograph is accompanied by significant personal information that will assist a third party in identifying the child. This Can lead, and has led, to children being 'groomed'
- The identification and locating of children in inappropriate circumstances which include: (i) where a child has been removed from his/her family for their own safety; (ii) where restrictions on contact with one parent following a parental separation exist e.g.in domestic violence cases; (iii) in situations where a child may be a witness in criminal proceedings; or (iv) other safeguarding children concerns.

### **Common sense considerations to ensure everyone's safety**

#### **Do:**

- 1.** Share the FA's guidance on taking images with all parents, carers and members when they join the club.
- 2.** Ensure the club has parental consent to use a player's image if it is to be used in the public domain e.g. club website or newspaper article. This is essential in relation to point 3 below
- 3.** Ensure that any child in your club who is under care proceedings is protected by ensuring that their image is not placed in the public domain. This can be done by using a Consent Form, so that parents/carers can identify whether this applies to children in their care.
- 4.** Focus on the activity rather than the individual
- 5.** Ensure all those featured are appropriately dressed (a minimum of vest or shirt and shorts)
- 6.** Aim to take pictures which represent the broad range of youngsters participating safely in football e.g. boys and girls, disabled people, ethnic minority communities.

**Don't:**

- 1.** Publish photographs with the full name(s) of the individual(s) featured unless you have written consent to do so and you have informed the parents as to how the image will be used.
- 2.** Use player profiles with pictures and detailed personal information on websites
- 3.** Use an image for something other than that which it was initially agreed, e.g. published in local press when initially produced for a clubhouse commemorative picture
- 4.** Allow images to be recorded in changing rooms, showers or toilets – this includes the use of mobile.

If you are concerned about the inappropriate use of images please report this to your Welfare officer (contact details on website. <http://www.ebyfc.net/> or your County FA Welfare Officer or to The FA Case Manager (contact details provided below).

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