



## **Newry Tennis Club**

### **Photography and Use of Images Policy**

**Newry Tennis Club (NTC) adheres to the Filming and Photography Guidance outlined in the Tennis Ireland Safeguarding Guidance for Children and Young People in Tennis (Appendix 9 - Best Practice Guidance).**

The filming and photography policy provides assistance for club members and officials on taking and using appropriate images.

There is evidence that certain individuals will visit sporting events to take inappropriate images of children and young people. Everyone should be vigilant about this possibility. Any concerns during an event at NTC should be reported immediately to the Safeguarding Officer or a member of the committee. By adopting the points in these guidelines along with the Tennis Ireland approved guidance, we will be putting into place the best possible practice to protect children and young people whenever photographs and recorded images are taken and stored.

It is important to note that this policy is not about preventing parents/guardians and supporters from taking pictures but, rather to ensure that only those authorised who have a right to take photographs do so. This policy is in place to promote safeguards for any photographic/filming/video/drone footage activity and to minimise the risk of inappropriate taking and use of such images.

#### **Permission will be obtained through: -**

- General permission through membership form, competition entry/any other contract where permission is included as part of a form
- Individual permission where permission may be sought for a single/specific event that has not been sought through membership/competition forms.

#### **Key Principles**

- The interests and welfare of children taking part in tennis at NTC are paramount
- Parents/guardians/carers and children have a right to decide whether children's images are to be taken, and how those images may be used.
- Images should convey the best principles and aspect of the sport such as fairness and fun.

- Care should be taken to ensure that images are in no way exploitative in nature nor open to misinterpretation and misuse.
- Images should only be taken by authorised persons as agreed in the protocol for a particular event/competition
- All images of children must be stored securely
- In the case of images used on websites/social media, particular care must be taken to ensure that no identifying details facilitate contact with a child by a potential abuser.
- Only use images of players in suitable dress.
- Ensure that images reflect positive aspects of children's involvement in tennis.

### **Types of appropriate images**

Only appropriate images of children should be used, for example:

- Posed images such as during trophy ceremonies, presentations or team shots where young people must be wearing t-shirt and shorts/tracksuits.
- Action shots of young people where the focus is on the participation in the sport, not the player.

### **Use of images on social media**

Where images of young people are used on social media the person responsible for posting an image must be aware of the potential for an image to be used inappropriately. The following safeguards must be in place to protect young people:

- Personal details of a young person should not be included.
- Captions should be in keeping with the sport represented.
- The posting and any purpose should not breach the codes of conduct.
- The type of image should not breach guidance in this policy.

***Taking images using any type of equipment is banned in an area where people are changing or would normally expect their privacy to be recognised such as:***

- Changing rooms.
- Toilets.