

Dawley Wanderers Football Club

Photography Policy

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1. Introduction

The FA has become increasingly concerned about the risk posed to children in football through the misuse of photographic or other images of children.

This concern relates to:

- ☐ The taking of photographs for improper uses
- ☐ The adaptation of innocently taken photographs (for example during the development process or by mobile phone)
- ☐ The distribution and misuse of photographs and images particularly via the internet.

The FA has identified 3 key concerns:

- ☐ the possible identification of children via photographs,
- ☐ inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use on pornographic websites,
- ☐ the taking of inappropriate photographs/images.

Accordingly, The FA has issued best practice guidelines. Dawley Wanderers FC, in line with its overall Safeguarding Policies, has interpreted those guidelines below and incorporated them into its Safeguarding Policy and therefore undertakes to abide by these and any subsequent guidelines. This statement and the following guidelines, therefore, represent the policy of Dawley Wanderers FC in this respect.

2. Guidelines for Parents and Spectators

1. Be aware of the Club's policy regarding photography.
2. Register with the event organiser if you wish to take photographs of your own children e.g.-
 - ☐ at training register with the team manager
 - ☐ at matches, with the referee and team managers
 - ☐ at tournaments, with the event organiser and team manager
3. Ensure your child is appropriately dressed when being photographed (e.g. in full football kit)
4. Remember that you have the right to prevent your child being photographed.
5. Remember that other parents have the right to prevent their children being included in photographs.
6. ALWAYS report any intrusive or inappropriate photography or behaviour to a Club Official.

Guidelines for Clubs or Persons Commissioning Photographers:

- ☐ Provide a clear brief to the photographer about appropriate conduct, behaviour and content of photos/images.
- ☐ Ensure that the photographer wears ID.
- ☐ Obtain the consent of players and parents in writing.
- ☐ Always ensure that photographers' access to young players is supervised.
- ☐ Do not approve one-to-one photograph sessions.
- ☐ Do not approve photo sessions outside the event.

Guidelines for Publishing, Broadcasting or Distributing Photographs/Images:

- ☐ Do not name a photographed child.
- ☐ Do not use a photograph of a named child.
- ☐ Obtain the consent of players and parents in writing.
- ☐ Use photos that focus on football not players and that promote good practice, for example:
 - ☐ Players should be appropriately dressed (football kit as a minimum)
 - ☐ Mixed group photographs are preferable to individual photos
 - ☐ Include girls and boys, mixed ethnic groups, able and disabled

Guidelines for anyone taking photos or recording images of young players:

- ☐ Do not take photographs of young players who are not appropriately dressed
- ☐ Focus on the activity not the players
- ☐ Take group photographs where possible rather than individual photographs
- ☐ Children under the protection of a court order must never be photographed/recorded

ALWAYS report any intrusive or inappropriate photography or behaviour to the Club Welfare Officer immediately – Marie Bell dawleywandererswelfare@gmail.com or 07814 897932