

# Use of Photographic and Video Images of Young Athletes Policy

Thetford Athletic Club (TAC) is committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18 to participate in athletics. Essential to this commitment, is to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect children/young people from the inappropriate use of photographic images.

TAC have adopted the following good practice guidelines issued by UK Athletics:

## PUBLISHING IMAGES

- Using a consent option on the membership portal, we will ask for the permission of young athletes and their parents/carers to take and use their image. If an athlete is highlighted as not having consent, we will avoid using their photograph. Breaches of this consent should be made in writing to the chair
- We will NEVER publish personal details (email addresses, telephone numbers, addresses etc) of a child/young person
- We will only authorise the use of images of athletes/members in suitable dress (Tracksuit, or track clothing i.e. T-shirt/vest/shorts, or off-track clothing)

## USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILMING EQUIPMENT AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

TAC will:

- Inform athletes and parents that a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they consent to both the taking and publication of films or photographs
- Require anyone from the press and related organisations or anyone who wishes to take random photographs using advanced photographic equipment and telephoto lenses must register with the organisers. There will be a signing in sheet near officials' registration
- Allow parents/carers to take photographs and videos of their child competing if using a mobile phone, tablet or small camera
- Not allow parents/adults to upload photographs of other people's children to social media without gaining their permission first. This also applies to athletes from other clubs
- Not allow unsupervised access to athletes or one to one photo sessions at events
- Not approve/allow photo sessions outside the events or at an athletes' home
- Act on the concerns of any athletes and parents regarding the inappropriate use of photographic equipment
- Inform children/young people and their parents/carers if video equipment is to be used as a coaching aid
- Ensure that any photographic images taken and used will be stored safely

## VIDEOING AS A COACHING AID

Video can be a legitimate coaching aid for club and county coaches. However, if it is to be used, we will make sure that children and their parents/carers are aware and understand that it is part of the coaching programme. We will make sure that the films are then stored safely. No videos should be posted on social media.