



Old Wilsonians' Lawn Tennis Club

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Photography & Filming of Children - Our Approach

Why are we concerned about this?

We all need to be careful about the risks posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on sport websites, social media and other publications when they are accompanied by personal information. This information can make a child vulnerable to those who may seek 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.

We must also ensure that we do not breach any Court Order that restricts the photography of a particular individual. And we must be especially sensitive to the safety of children who are no longer in the care of their natural parents.

What will we do?

Firstly we are raising the profile of this issue with all club members and parents. If parents or other spectators are intending to photograph or video at a club event, they will be made aware of our expectations. Anyone seeking to photograph young players who are not within their care will be asked to register with the event organiser. The event organiser will 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.

We will ensure that all children featured in recordings are 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.

Photographs will focus on the activity. Whenever possible, we will ensure that images show children and young people in small groups - the group may comprise any combination of adults and children.

If a photograph is used, we will give only the young person's first name (no surname), or avoid naming them altogether. Personal details such as email addresses, home addresses and telephone numbers will NEVER be revealed on a website.

If we intend to use a club photographer at an event, we will tell players and parents in advance, and seek their permission to take pictures during the event. The photographer will be clearly identified throughout. We will further ask for parental/carers permission to use an image of a young person - this ensures that parents/carers understand how the image of their child will be used to represent the sport.

Any pictures we hold we be stored securely in accordance with GDPR principles.

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

If parents, spectators or players have concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography, these should be reported immediately to the event organiser or club official, or to our club Welfare Officer, who will handle these in accordance with our normal safeguarding policies and procedures.

By following the good practice outlined in this document, you will help ensure that tennis is a safe sport for children and young people.