

Guidelines for use of Photographic and Filming Equipment

There is evidence that some people have used sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate photographs or film footage of young and disabled sports people. The NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit has therefore issued guidelines to sport to help prevent this form of abuse. The nature of Modern Pentathlon and the environment in which events take place make it difficult and sometimes impractical to follow the recommendations in every situation. However, the MPAGB is encouraging Clubs and event organisers to take reasonable steps to protect young people and where it is appropriate apply the following guidelines.

The media and / professional / amateur photographers wishing to record an event or activity should register with the Event Organiser accompanied by proof of their professional identification. This should if possible, be in advance of the event to be filmed.

Anyone wishing to take zoom photographs or video at focus youth events should register with the Event Organiser. Organisers may wish to issue a label to highlight those who have been accredited.

Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the event organiser or official and recorded in the same manner as any child protection concern.

NB This does not apply to coaches and helpers using video as a legitimate coaching aid but care should be taken in how it is stored.

There is also concern that photographs of children used on web sites or in publications can make children vulnerable to abusers if accompanied by personal information. The



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MPAGB encourages the celebration of the achievements of our young athletes in the media but advise using the following guidelines.

Easy rules to remember are:

1. When using a photo avoid using full name linked with an address.
2. Ask the athlete, parents or carers for permission to use their image (this could be included in the entry form or event details).
3. Inform athletes and parents if a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they consent to the taking and publication of films or photographs.

The following statement could be used to support the above:

In line with the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit and MPAGB recommendations, we require any person who wishes to engage in video or zoom photography to register with the Event Organiser prior to carrying out such photography. If you are concerned about any photography taking place please contact the events organiser.

Request for Permission to photograph at MPAGB Events



Policy Statement

The Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain (MPAGB) has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in MPAGB from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. MPAGB will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in MPAGB through adherence to the Child Protection guidelines adopted by MPAGB.

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Photographing Participants

There is evidence that certain individuals (professional or amateur including parents and guardians) will visit sporting events to take inappropriate photographs or video footage of young and disabled sports people in vulnerable positions. All participants in the sport should be vigilant about this possibility. Any concerns during an event must be reported to a club official or other responsible person.

Photographers (professional or amateur including parents and guardians) must understand the following expectations of them in relation to child protection. They must:

1. Understand what is considered appropriate in terms of their behaviour and the content of the photography.
2. Have written consent to filming and/or photography and to its publication from the athletes and Guardians.
3. Not have unsupervised access to child athletes or one-to-one photo sessions during the event.
4. Have photo sessions outside the events or at a participant's home.

Permission for the filming/photographs to be taken both from the subjects and their parents/carers must be had in writing on the appropriate MPAGB Form.

Name of Photographer _____	Proof of ID: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____	Staff Signature: _____
Name of subjects: _____	
Reason or use, for the images: _____ _____ _____	

Signed declaration that the information provided is valid, and I understand the above conditions and that the images will only for the reasons given.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____