

Photography

General Policy statement

Where children and/or vulnerable adults are involved

- The interests and welfare of children and vulnerable adults taking part in events is paramount.
- Parents, carers, children and vulnerable adults have the right to decide whether children's and/or vulnerable adult's images are to be taken and how those images may be used.
- Images should convey the best principles and aspects of bowls, such as fairness and safety.
- Care should be taken to make sure that the images are not sexual or exploitative in nature, not open to obvious misinterpretation and misuse.
- Images should only be taken by accredited persons who must wear identification at all times.
- All images of children/ vulnerable adults should be securely stored.
- Care must be taken when reproducing photographs in the press and on the web-site that no identifying details could permit contact with a child or vulnerable adult by a potential abuser.
- Do not allow unsupervised access of children or vulnerable adults for photo sessions without consent.
- If the bowler is named, avoid using the photograph.
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- Ask for parental permission to use an image of a young person. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image of their child is representing the game of bowls. Ask for bowler's permission to use their image. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image of themselves is to be used to represent the sport. Consent by parents and carers and individuals must be obtained verbally, or in writing, for photographs to be taken and also for those who are actually taking the photographs.

Photographic images (cameras or video media or mobile phones)

Care should also be taken to monitor the use of mobile phones with a photo capability to ensure that the above guidelines are adhered to. The individuals being photographed must be appropriately dressed for the activity and the photography or recording should focus on the activity rather than on the individual.

Coaching and Photography

All individuals featured must be appropriately dressed for the sport with garments adhering to the dress code of bowls for the appropriate NGB. Any photography or recording should focus on the activity and be recorded in small groups (which may comprise a combination of adults and young individuals). Coaches are allowed to use video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid and means of recording special occasions. However, care should be taken in the dissemination and storage of the material.

Use of photographic and filming equipment by parents, carers and spectators

Whenever parents, carers, or other spectators intend to photograph or video at an event they must be made aware by the Event Organiser that they must be prepared to identify themselves and state their purpose for filming.

The Event Organiser should approach or challenge any person taking photographs who has not made themselves known and given permission. If needs be advice may be sought from the Police if this person continues to record images unauthorised within the confines of the event.