

Racquetball Association of Ireland

Photography Policy

Introduction

The Filming and Photography Policy provides guidance on taking and using appropriate images. This policy is not about preventing parents/guardians and supporters from taking pictures, but rather to ensure that only those who have a right to take photographs do so. This policy is designed to promote safeguards for any photographic or filming/video activity to minimise the risk of inappropriate taking and use of images.

Permission for Photography/Filming

Permission for athletes/parents/guardians to take images is granted by way of membership of the Racquetball Association of Ireland.

The permission granted is for personal use only under the terms of this policy, and no commercial photography is permitted under this license.

Third party photographers, videographers or other organisations employed to take images must seek permission from event organisers, providing photographic identification.

Permission for press and/or commercial photography/videography must be sought prior to the event from the Secretary of the Racquetball Association of Ireland.

Prohibited Photography/Filming

Taking images using any type of equipment is banned in an area where people are changing or would normally have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Examples of such areas would include:

- Changing rooms
- Individual changing/private cubicles
- Toilets
- Medical/physio treatment rooms

Flash photography is prohibited when matches are being played on court.

Acceptable Photography/Filming

Images can be taken for a variety of purposes, including for administration or personal use, publicising the sport or aiding skill development.

Types of images and appropriate use:

a) Personal images – images taken by parents/guardians or other family members during an event as a celebration of a young person's attendance or achievement. This includes the use of a professional photographer, with permission, taking images for the personal use of those attending. Other people may be included in an image and we expect parents/guardians and other family members to respect this by not distributing images publicly.

b) Training images – these are images or footage taken during a training session or during an event specifically to aid in the development of a skill or technique. We expect these images to be taken by a qualified coach or a person specifically appointed by the coach. These images may be used as examples of technique or mastery of a skill for teaching/coaching purposes and should not be distributed outside this specific use.

c) Media images – these are images taken by an individual from the media, i.e. TV, newspaper or professional photographer where the images are to be used for publicity or promotion of the event or future events.

d) Administration images – these are images taken for general administration purposes; including images used for membership cards, competition entries, images for the Racquetball Association of Ireland's or the club's website or Facebook page.

Use of images on Social Media

(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc)

By entering competitions and tournaments sanctioned by the Association, athletes and parents agree that they may or their child may be photographed before, during or after the event.

Where images of young players are used on social media, the person responsible for posting an image must be aware of the potential for an image to be used inappropriately. The following safeguards must be in place to protect young people:

- i) Permission to name children on Social Media must be sought from parents or guardians, this permission is usually asked when a parent signs up a child to compete in a tournament, competition, training session or coaching clinic.
- ii) Captions should be in keeping with the sport.
- iii) The posting and any purpose should not breach the codes of conduct
- iv) The type of image should not breach guidance in this policy.