

Child Protection Policy Statement

Shooting-Stars Photography acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and the respective governing body's requirements.

Our policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children is paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children;

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at the event being photographed, in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in the event being photographed or outside of the activity

Shooting-Stars Photography acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and accept responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy Shooting-Stars Photography will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- obtain a CRB check and conduct a background check of any photographer(s) used by the company
- prevent the employment / deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in Shooting-Stars Photography. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.



Photographs Being Taken

The following is a guide for Photographs being taken;

- If a child or person appears to not want to have their photo taken; either by stating so verbally or through body language, the photograph must not be taken or if already taken, must be deleted.
- All children photographed must be appropriately dressed for the sport in which they are participating. Where a participant removes any item(s) of clothing photos must not be taken.
- Photographs must be in good taste and in keeping with the event taking place.

Shooting Stars Website:

- All images shown on Shooting Stars Website have been approved by the respective child's parents.
- For images taken at School Events, Tournament and matches that are uploaded to SmugMug or Photobox; the folders will all be password protected (unless instructed by the event organizers to the contrary)
- Shooting-Stars will remove any images from our web site or our Printers (SmugMug and Photobox Gallery) by sending an email to remove@shooting-stars.co.uk

Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils and respective regulatory body if appropriate
- as a result of any other significant change or event

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