Essex Met League Taking and Use of Photographic and Recorded Images of Young People Agreement

Essex Met League adopts England Netball’s policy for the taking and use of photographic and recorded images of young people and works in accordance with the following statement:

Introduction

Essex Met League does not wish to prevent parents/carers or other spectators being able to take legitimate photographs or recorded images. Use of recorded images can also be a valuable coaching aid. However, Essex Met League is committed to providing a safe environment for young people aged 14 to 18 who play in our League. Included in this commitment is ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to protect young people from the inappropriate use of their images in resources and media publications, on the Internet and elsewhere.

Photographic and recorded images can be used as a means of identifying young people if accompanied by personal information. This has the potential to make a young person vulnerable to individuals seeking to ‘groom’ young people for abuse. Additionally, images can be used or adapted for inappropriate use. There is evidence of adapted sporting images being used on websites displaying images of child abuse.

**Obligations under this Policy**

Everyone within Essex Met League (including all participating clubs) must act in accordance with the general principles in England Netball’s Safeguarding Policy and the principles set out in that Policy for taking and the use of photographic and recorded images of young people

In addition, Essex Met League adopts and implements this Policy relating to the taking and use of photographic and recorded images of young people in netball, in accordance with the general principles in England Netball’s Safeguarding Policy, and in accordance with this particular Policy and principles together with the supporting good practice guidance.

Principles

* Everyone within Essex Met League (including all participating clubs) should have an understanding of the issues relating to the taking and use of photographic and recorded images of young people and what England Netball’s Policy is on this.
* Parents/carers and young people have a right to decide whether young people’s images are to be made, and how those images may be used.
* In accordance with good practice guidance for netball activities and events, parents/carers and young people must provide written consent for young people’s images to be taken and used. There may be legitimate reasons for denying consent i.e. subject to legal restrictions.
* A registration process should be used for photographers in accordance with the good practice guidance on photography and recorded images. This will help deter those wishing to take photographs or recorded images for inappropriate use.
* Images should convey the best principles and aspects of netball, such as fairness and fun.
* Care should be taken to ensure that images are not sexual or exploitative in nature, nor open to obvious misinterpretation and misuse.
* All images of young people should be securely stored to avoid inappropriate use.
* In the case of images used on websites, particular care must be taken to ensure that no identifying details facilitate contact with a young person (by a potential abuser).
* Where used for coaching purposes, players and their parents/carers should be made aware that this is part of the coaching programme and be clear of the purpose of filming as a coaching aide where it will be used.
* Suspected inappropriate taking of photographic or recorded images must be challenged and reported using the Reporting a Concern process.

When assessing the potential risks in the use of images of players, the most important factor is the potential of inappropriate use of images of young people. Awareness of the risks, and taking appropriate steps, can reduce the potential for misuse of images.

Essex Met League Photography/Recording Consent Form

This form must be fully completed by anyone wishing to take photographs or record images during the Essex Met League and then handed to the scorers before the game starts. After the game, it will be placed in the Results Box with the Result Card.

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I wish to take photographs or record images during the course of the above event. I agree to abide by the guidelines laid down by Essex Met and those of England Netball in their Use of Photographic and Recorded Images of Young People Policy and Spectator Regulations.

I confirm that the photographs or recorded images will only be used in an appropriate manner. I understand that any recorded image and/or audio are for personal use only and may not be published on any public platform, including social media platforms and the internet.

Please describe below how photographs or recorded images will be used:

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I acknowledge that if it is deemed that any photographs or recorded images are used inappropriately, this may result in me being unable to use photographic equipment at netball events in the future and will be reported to England Netball and managed within the Safeguarding Policies and procedures.

Signed: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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**NB: Consent for taking photographs or video recordings must be obtained from both competing clubs’ captains or other authorised representatives and recorded below:-**

Signed: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Print Name . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

On Behalf of . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Date. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Signed: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Print Name . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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