

SCHOOL GAMES



Merseyside School Games

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There have been concerns about the risks posed directly and indirectly to young people through the use of photographs. As a result, a photographic equipment statement and supporting procedures will be implemented at the Level Three Merseyside School Games.

Photographs can be used as a means of identifying young people when accompanied with personal information. This information can make young people vulnerable to an individual who may wish to “groom” that young person for abuse. Secondly the content of the photo can be used or adapted for inappropriate use.

As part of our commitment to the safety of all participants, MSP will do everything in its power to prevent the taking or use of photographs, video or other images of young people without the prior consent of the parent/guardian of the young person, but it should be recognised that, in this age of smartphones and social media, all parties need to be vigilant to the possibility of unauthorised photography taking place. Steps will be taken to ensure that all images commissioned professionally by the event organisers are used appropriately, that means solely for the promotion and celebration of the activities of the Level Three Merseyside School Games. Steps will also be taken to request that anyone attending the event in the capacity of ‘professional photographer’, for example commissioned photographers and photo journalists, register their equipment on arrival on site. Where appropriate these professionals will be advised of any teams where a child or children within the team cannot be photographed and they will be asked not to photograph said team(s). The following statement will be posted at event sites, to guide attendees:

‘Please be aware that to ensure safeguarding of some children there may be teams here at the event today which cannot be photographed. Please follow the guidance below to help us keep the young people here at the event safe.