

SCHOOL GAMES



Merseyside School Games

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT STATEMENT



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Purpose:

To ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at the Merseyside School Games, we are implementing guidelines for the use of photographic equipment. We recognise the importance of protecting children and young people from any potential harm, including the misuse of their images.

Photographs, when linked with identifying details, can increase the vulnerability of young people to online grooming or other forms of abuse. Additionally, images can be manipulated or used inappropriately. Our aim is to create a safe environment where everyone can enjoy the School Games without compromising the welfare of young people..

As part of our commitment to the safety of ALL participants, we will do our utmost to prevent the use of photographs, video or other images of young people to be taken or used without the prior consent of the parent/guardian of the young person.

A procedure is in place to pass on relevant information to event organisations and volunteers to ensure the rights of young people in respect to photography and video footage are upheld.

The following statement will be posted at event sites, to guide attendees:

‘Please be aware that to ensure safeguarding of children there are teams here at the event who cannot be photographed. If you have any concerns please report to a member of the MSP team.’

MSP will take particular care when circulating photographs or videos on social media to avoid including other children, even if only in the background of the picture, we will not identify names of individual children on social media, again to ensure their safety, even if photographic permission is present.

What visual material may be used for by MSP.

1. The photographs and videos may be used in MSP publicity material such as the annual report, newsletters, brochures, video footage, MSP website and social media.
2. The photographs and videos may be used as long as necessary, depending on the quality of the photo and its relevance to MSP's activities and use.

We want to ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe here. If you have any worries about photography – for example, how or where photos are being taken, or who is taking them – please don't hesitate to talk to a member of the MSP team. We're here to help.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDANCE

Guidance for Team Leaders, Teacher and Spectators (including parents/guardians/carers):

- Do not photograph children other than those who you have direct responsibility for and who you can be sure can be photographed.
- You should also take particular care when circulating photographs on social media to avoid including other children, even if only in the background of the picture, unless you are 100% sure they can be photographed.
- We recommend that you do not identify names of individual children on social media, again to ensure their safety, even if photographic permission is present.
- Mobile phones or photographic equipment must not be used in changing rooms or toilets by anyone including participants

Guidance for Professional Photographers:

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Occasionally MSP may use a professional photographer at the Merseyside School Games events. Professional photographers will be:

- on site through invitation only.
- asked to complete an adult registration form at the event registration desk.
- briefed on and provided a list of schools who can and cannot be photographed.
- asked not to publish individual names alongside photographs.
- asked to that the content of photographs focus on the activity rather than the person.
- asked that photos MSP deem not appropriate to be deleted .

Where the sport organisers have commissioned the use of photographic/video equipment, or are advising any other professional photographer attending the event we will request that:

- They engage with MSPs event organiser prior to attending the event and follow MSPs policy and guidance for use of photography equipment.