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NETBALL ACT

POLICY DOCUMENT

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1. Introduction

'Images' in this policy refers to the taking, recording and sharing of photographs and/or videos.

Most people taking images of children at sporting events are doing so for acceptable reasons and are using appropriate methods. In Australia there is no law restricting photography or videography of people including children in public spaces, provided the images are not:

- Indecent (such as 'upskirt' or 'downblouse' photographs taken covertly in change rooms or toilets),
- Protected by a court order (e.g. a child custody or witness protection),
- Defamatory, or
- Used for commercial purposes (used to endorse or entice people to buy a product).

2. Purpose

This policy addresses the acquisition and display of images of registered members, including children and young people, participating in competitions run by Netball ACT and District Associations.

This policy applies to:

- Netball ACT and its members
- District Associations and their Members
- Individuals sitting on Boards, committees and sub-committees of Netball ACT
- All employees, volunteers, independent contractors and other workplace participants
- Parents, guardians, spectators and sponsors
- Any other person who has agreed to be bound by this policy.

3. Guidelines on Taking Images of Children

Netball ACT has agreed to be bound by Netball Australia's Member Protection Policy, including their position statement on taking images of children:

- 3.1 Netball Australia requires every person and organisation bound by the Policy, wherever possible, to obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. They should make sure the parent/guardian understands how the image will be used.
- 3.2 Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) also require the privacy of others to be respected and prohibit the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets.
- 3.3 When using an image of a child, Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) will not name or identify the child, publish personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without the consent of the parent/guardian.
- 3.4 Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) will not publicly provide or publish to any person or organisation, information about a child's hobbies, interests, school, or the like, as this information can be used by paedophiles or other persons to groom a child.
- 3.5 Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) will only use images of children that are relevant to netball and will ensure that they are suitably clothed in a manner that promotes participation in netball. Wherever possible, the organisation will seek permission from a child's parent/guardian before using the image.

Images of a child may also contravene criminal laws and censorship laws if the child is photographed in a provocative or sexual manner. If a person is taking images inappropriately, the person should be requested to stop and if that person refuses, the police may be called to escort them from the venue.

4. Junior Championships

Netball ACT engages a photographer for Junior Championships, who must use the images taken in accordance with Netball Australia's policy statement.

Netball ACT must obtain permission from parents/guardians for their children to be filmed or recorded before competing (Appendix 1). The photographer has permission to take images of every child whose parents/guardians have given consent.

Capital Chemist Junior Championships Photography and Video Authorisation Declaration

Netball ACT requires every person and organisation bound by the Netball Australian Member Protection Policy (MPP), wherever possible, to obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. They should make sure the parent/guardian understands how the image will be used.

To comply with Netball Australia's MPP requirements, follow these easy steps:

1. Advise all Parents/Guardians of players within the Capital Chemist Junior Representative Teams that Netball ACT and District Associations will be taking photo's and video footage at the Capital Chemist Junior Championships for the following purpose:
 - On the Netball ACT and District website
 - On the Netball ACT and District Facebook page
 - On the Netball ACT and District Instagram account
 - In Netball ACT publication including the Annual Report and e-newsletters
 - To help promote the sport of netball in presentations, in commercial resources and as overlay material.
2. When using a photo of a child, will not name or identify the child, publish personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without the consent of the parent/guardian.
3. Will not publicly provide or publish to any person or organisation, information about a child's hobbies, interests, school, or the like, as this information can be used by paedophiles or other persons to groom a child.
4. Will only use images of children that are relevant to netball and will ensure that they are suitably clothed in a manner that promotes participation in netball.

We the _____ (Name of Association) declare that we have obtained legal consent from all our Capital Chemist Junior Championship Parents/Guardians Players, Coaches and Officials for images and video to be taken throughout the Capital Chemist Junior Championships.

We advise the following Teams and/or Coaches and Officials have not provided permission for their photo or video to be taken:

Signed by Association President

Signed by Representative Convener

Name Association President

Name Association Representative Convener

Date

Date