



Lordswood Youth Football Club

Photography and Social Media Policy – reviewed June 2025

Lordswood Youth Football Club shares the view of the FA that taking pictures or video of their children playing football enhances the enjoyment and progression for all. Having a visual memento of our children playing and enjoying football is priceless. Quote from the FA photography policy: ‘The FA would like to assure parents, carers, coaches, spectators, players and local media that we encourage the taking of appropriate images of children in football’.

The most common cause for concern involves the posting of photographs on social media and Lordswood Youth Football Club recognises the use of photos and film on websites, social media, posters, within the press or other publications, can pose direct and indirect risks to children if they are not managed appropriately, and therefore we have the following specific guidance for parents, carers, spectators and club officials:

1. At the start of each season the club will ask all parents to provide consent for their child to be photographed during either training or matches. Parents can withhold that consent.
2. The Club does NOT allow images to be recorded in changing rooms, showers or toilets – this includes the use of mobile phones that record images.
3. Parents, carers and players are advised to use caution before posting photos and video on social media platforms or web sites.

You should adhere to the following:

4. Please do NOT identify a child or children by name when posting a photograph or video online or in the press, or publish any other personal details or information that will assist a third party in identifying the child.
5. Coaches and Club Officials will occasionally photograph or video matches or training to post on our website or other media, e.g. Facebook, or to use as an aid to training. If at any point you have Safeguarding concerns about your child appearing in a photo (e.g. the child is subject to care proceedings), it is important to discuss this with your child’s Coach or our Child Welfare Officer who will ensure the club is made aware and appropriate and agreed action is taken.
6. If parents wish to take photos or video at away matches this must have been agreed between Lordswood Youth Football Club team manager and the home team manager PRIOR to the match. The key to adhere to is respect and consideration for all of the players and officials.
7. Ensure that all children featured in a photo or video are appropriately dressed with a minimum of shirt and shorts. 8. If you are concerned about the inappropriate use of images please report this to the Club Welfare Officer, Coach or Club Official.

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Child photo/video Consent Form

In accordance with our child protection policy we will not permit photographs, video or other images of young people to be taken without the consent of the child or the parent if the child is under 18.

Lordswood Youth Football Club will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes they are intended. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform Lordswood Youth Football Club immediately.

To be completed by child (if over 18):

- I give permission for my photograph to be used on the club's website
- I give permission for videos of me to be used on the club's website
- I give permission for my photograph to be used on the club's and other parents' social media pages
- I give permission for videos of me to be used on the clubs and other parents' social media pages

Signature of player (if over 18):

Print name:

Date:

To be completed by the parent (if under 18):

- I give permission for my child's photograph to be used on the club's website
- I give permission for videos of my child to be used on the club's website
- I give permission for my child's photograph to be used on the club's and other parents' social media pages
- I give permission for videos of my child to be used on the clubs and other parents' social media pages

Signature of parent (if over 18):

Print name:

Date: