

## County Durham School Games Photography Statement

### Guidelines for use of Video, Zoom or Close Range Photography

There is evidence that some people have used sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate photographs or film footage of young and disabled sports people.

### Consent

It is essential that consent is sought from the participants' parents and carers to make sure that their children can be filmed/photographed at the event, and the images published afterwards.

Based on the information provided by the School Teachers, pupils that do not want to / cannot be photographed, will be given a coloured wristband to wear. This will ensure that the official photographer and videographer are aware. Please note that prior to taking photographs, all staff should be registered at registration.

The County Durham LOC will not allow photographers unsupervised access to child athletes or one-to-one photo sessions during the event, and will not approve photo sessions outside of the event or at a participant's home.

### Camera Registration

Staff, parents and other spectators intending to photograph or video at the event will be expected to register their camera at the registration desk (please note that this also applies to camera and video phones). They will then be issued with a sticker to wear, which they must display at all times to show that their camera has been registered.

***'In line with recommendations of the County Durham LOC any person wishing to engage in any video, or photography should register their details with staff at the registration desk before carrying out such photography. The County Durham LOC reserves the right of entry and reserves the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the event organiser's conditions.'***

Event Organisers may be taking wide-angle, general images of the event, the site, opening and closing ceremonies. Where event organisers use mobile phones for event photography these will be devices which belong to the employing organisation, and not personal devices. These photographs may be used in general promotion of the School Games, for example on the website, in future programmes or in newsletters (see more below).

### Secure Storage of Images

Any images or video recordings taken at School Games events, by event organisers, will be stored securely:

- hard copies of images will be stored in a locked facility
- electronic images will be in a protected folder with restricted access
- images will not be stored on unencrypted portable equipment such as laptops, memory sticks or mobile phones

If anyone has concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography, they should be reported to the Event Welfare Officer and recorded in a child protection manner.

You may view the County Durham Sport Privacy Policy on the Website  
<https://www.countydurhamsport.com/privacy-policy/>

### **Using Photographs on Publications**

The County Durham LOC will be actively encouraging the media to attend and report on the event to help raise the profile of sport and physical activity within the sub region.

The County Durham LOC will ensure the following guidelines are adhered to in order to minimise the potential for misuse:

- Images on the website and within publications/videos will never use the full name of any child.
- Personal information about the person will not be included in the picture (e.g. e-mail address, postal address, telephone etc.)
- If a young person is named in the text, a photograph of that child will not be included with the article.
- Group or class images may be used with general labels.
- Only images of children and young people who are suitably dressed for the activity will be used to reduce the risk of such images being used inappropriately.
- The images will reflect sport as a fun activity.

**\*\*\*\* Anyone wishing to take pictures at the Swimming venue (Louisa Centre) may only do so during the presentations and not whilst the young people are swimming.**