



Devonport Services RFC

Photography and Video Recording Policy

Devonport Services Youth RFC (DSRFC) adopts the RFU's recommendations that appropriate and proportionate safeguards should be in place to ensure a safe sporting environment for children and young people.

This policy is intended to support all of DSRFC's members, meaning parents, carers, supporters and players, to celebrate achievement and participation while keeping our young players safe.

This policy must be read and followed by everyone participating at the club and the consent details will be held centrally by the club.

If there are any questions or queries please contact the Club's Youth Chairman or Safeguarding Officer.

Policy:

1. Photographs and video recordings may be used by the club for celebration, publicity, coaching and other purposes deemed appropriate by the DSRFC committee.

Photographs up loaded to the Club's official web page **will not** be shared with other social media platforms.

2. A parent or the adult with parental responsibility, must tick the appropriate box when registering a child on GMS to give consent for their child to be photographed or to have videos taken. They should inform the team coach of their decision.

3. Should a Devonport Services parent want to photograph a match they should speak to the opposition coach before the match to ask if any of the opposition parents do not want their child included in the photos. If there are, then they should avoid photographing that child or digitally obscure their face before publishing the photographs. They should also be aware of players in their own team whose patents have chosen for their child not to be photographed or videoed.

4. Local Press photographers often attend matches and events and photos/video footage may be published in print or online. Parents, carers and young people should be aware of this and if they do not wish for photographs of their child to be used in this way, on a particular occasion or in general, then the Safeguarding Officer or Chairman must be

informed.

5. In the event that consent is not given even with faces obscured, photos and video footage of the child must not be used for any of the purposes listed at 1.

6. Anyone taking photographs or recording at any rugby event must have a valid reason for doing so, and should seek the permission of the organisers/persons in charge and should be able to identify themselves if requested during the course of the event.

Best practice for photography and video recording:

- Where possible, photographs and recordings should represent the diverse range of young people participating in rugby.
- Avoid naming individuals in photographs to reduce the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people within and outside the sport.
- If the child is named, for example in a match report, avoid using their photograph.
- The photograph should focus on the activity not on a particular child.
- Photography and video recording in changing and toilet areas is strictly prohibited.

If you are concerned about inappropriate photography, the photographer should be asked to leave and the incident should be reported to the Safeguarding Officer as a Safeguarding Incident.

Social Media statement

Devonport Services RFC (DSRFC) is committed to providing a safe environment for young people and their families to enjoy supporting and participating in sport.

Pitchero is the platform used by the club to host its web page currently used for communication between the club and its members.

DSRFC does have Twitter, Instagram and senior Facebook accounts. Photographs of children will **NOT** be put on any of these.

The youth Facebook account may have photos posted on it but only when permission is given by parents/guardians of the children in the photos.

DSRFC acknowledges that adult and junior members may have their own social media accounts and requests that photographs, videos and references to people other than themselves are only placed on these accounts or on to the Internet if the member has the permission of all of those concerned.

Contact details for the Youth Chairman and Safeguarding officer can be found under the 'Contacts' tab at top of the web page.