



CHICHESTER RANGERS FC

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

As a club, we will follow The FA's guidance on photographing and filming children.

The taking of appropriate images and/or video of children is supported by The FA. It is not an offence to film or take appropriate photographs of any person of any age in a public place, even if asked not to do so.

However, we recognise that the use of photos and video on websites, social media, posters, adverts, and in press or other publications, can pose direct and indirect risks to children if they are not managed appropriately. Through our registration system, we obtain parental consent as to whether appropriate photographs or videos of their children can or cannot be taken.

Parents, children and football clubs generally look forward to celebrating and/or publicising footballing successes by photographing children at matches and events. Documenting a child's involvement and progress through the season both by video and photos is widely accepted as contributing to the enjoyment of the game. It is also recognised that some coaches find it helpful to use photographs or video as a coaching tool to support a player's development.

This guidance explains why we need to ask you for your consent for any photographs of your child being used by the club. After reading this, you should indicate your wishes on the registration form.

We live in an age in which digital technology has vastly increased the use of photography, and there has been publicity surrounding concern about the risk of a child or young person being identified by a photograph in the local press or via social media.

We take the view that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is small and that, providing reasonable steps are in place in terms of appropriateness of the photography and to protect the full name and contact details of children, photography will be permitted.

We are also mindful of the fact that for some families there may be reasons why a child's identification is a matter of particular anxiety. If you have special circumstances now or at any time in the future that would affect or change your consent, please contact the Club Secretary.

You should discuss the matter of photographs with your child and agree with them about the categories of consent. We invite you to use this form to explore their feelings about being photographed/filmed.

We will not use any personal details or full names (which means first name and surname) of any child or young person in a photographic image on film, website, or in club printed publications unless we have sought permission from the child's parent or guardian. Only images of children suitably dressed will be used to reduce the risk of such images being used inappropriately.

If the club commissions the services of a professional photographer or invites the media to cover an activity, the club will provide to them a list of children that are not permitted to be photographed or filmed. They will also be required to:

- Have an appropriate identification badge on display.
- Wear company-branded clothing where available.
- Inform the club on how the images will be used and stored.
- Seek approval from the club before any images are used in any media.
- Supply the club with a copy of their privacy policy and terms of service.
- Follow statutory safeguarding procedures.
- Follow the club's safeguarding procedures.
- Refrain from working in prohibited areas such as toilets and changing rooms.
- Not work with children one-on-one.

Due to the nature of football, there is a significant chance that multiple children will appear in a single photograph or video shoot, whether they are the intended target or not. To further aid in identifying children without photo consent, the club may require these children to wear a coloured paper wristband so that they can be easily identified during editing and be cropped out or have their faces blurred.

By agreeing to our Photo Guidelines during the registration process, you give permission for the club (or a third party acting or employed on its behalf) to take photographs and video of your child involved in football activities and for us to use them in any of the following ways:

- Printed publications, e.g. local or national press, leaflets, programmes.
- Online publications, e.g. local or national press websites.
- The club's website.
- The club's Facebook page.
- The club's Instagram page.