

JUNIORS PHOTOGRAPH & VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

Belpark Juniors Triathlon Club's Guidelines on the Use of Photography, Video Recording & Social Media in Children's Activities and or Events

Belpark Juniors Triathlon Club's Guiding Principles

**These guidelines should be used in good faith and in accordance with The Code of Ethics & Good Practise For Children's Sports. Please contact the Children's Officer or a representative from Triathlon Ireland if any issues, concerns or potential risks arise.*

- The welfare of children taking part in Belpark Triathlon Club activities and events is paramount.
- Where possible do not print the name of a child whose image is being used.
- If naming a child or group of children in an image, only use their first names, as this will reduce the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people within and outside the sport
- Avoid the inclusion of other detailed information about individual children
- Only use images of children in suitable dress/kit to reduce the risk of inappropriate use
- Images should positively reflect young people's involvement in the activity and promote the best aspects of the sport
- With regard to the actual content, it is difficult to specify exactly what is appropriate given the diversity of triathlon. However, there may be some sports activities (e.g. swimming) where the risk of potential misuse is much greater than for other sports. With these sports the content of the photograph should focus on the activity rather than on a particular child and should avoid full face and body shots. For example, shots of children in a pool would be appropriate or, if poolside, waist or shoulder up. more general photos of the event sites, opening and closing ceremonies, and so on would also be acceptable.
- Photos and videos taken by Belpark Triathlon Club representatives at Junior Triathlon Club events are considered the property of Belpark Triathlon Club and will be used appropriately according to the Child Protection Policy of the Club.
- In cases where photographs and videos are to be uploaded onto the internet (either through the Belpark Triathlon Club website or Facebook page) they will be screened for their suitability before uploading.
- Belpark Triathlon Club will endeavour to monitor, as much as is possible, for any inappropriate or needless photography/videography at Belpark Triathlon Club events.
- Belpark Triathlon Club will work in conjunction with the adult members and parents and guardians of junior members to ensure a safe environment for children.

Responsibility of Parents and Guardians

- Parents and Guardians of junior members of Belpark Triathlon Club should make themselves fully aware of the Child Protection Policy of the Club
- By applying for junior membership of Belpark Triathlon Club parents acknowledge that they have read and fully understand the Child Protection Policy of the Club
- Photography and Videography will be used in strict accordance with Child Protection Rules and the ethical code of the Junior Triathlon Club coaches, organizers and volunteers.
- Parents and Guardians should be aware that photography and videography will inevitably be used by other parents/guardians and possibly by spectators at Belpark Triathlon Club events.
- If a parent or guardian of a junior member does not want their child to be involved in any photography or videography at a Belpark Tri Club event this is to be reported by the parent or guardian to the Child Protection Officer of the club. It may or may not be possible to accommodate this request but Belpark Triathlon Club endeavour to be as honest as possible with participating parents and guardians and will advise you accordingly.
- Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the Event Organizer, the Child Protection Officer or Official and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern

Club sessions

There is no intention to prevent club coaches and teachers using videoing as a legitimate coaching aid. However, children/young people and their parents should be aware that this is part of the coaching programme and be requested in advance to consent to it. Care will be taken in the secure storage of such materials and films. If Belpark Triathlon Club are concerned that someone they do not know is using their sessions for photography or filming purposes, they will ask them to leave and contact their Child Protection Officer, Triathlon Ireland and/or (depending on the nature of the concerns) the Gardaí for further advice. Reports of any nature will be treated very seriously.