

Community Club Photography Guidelines

As a photographer for your club, team or league you have a duty of care to the participants in which you are capturing. This document provides advise and guidelines which are general in nature for a volunteer/paid photographer that may be engaged to capture content.

Safety First: Stay at a safe distance to avoid interfering with the game or causing accidents.

Seek Consent: Always ask for permission from players to be photographed, especially in private or amateur games. Players in most instances when registering to play have agreed to the <u>terms and</u> <u>conditions of registration for participants</u> to allow this however it is recommended that you seek this permission directly.

Non-intrusive Approach: Blend in with the environment to capture candid shots without disrupting the game.

Respect Privacy: Avoid capturing vulnerable or compromising moments that could harm the player's reputation.

Selective Editing: Enhance images while maintaining their authenticity and the spirit of the game.

Respectful Sharing: When sharing images, consider the players' privacy and rights.

AvoidMisrepresentation: Refrain from altering images in a way that misleads viewers about the actual events.

Cultural Sensitivity: Be aware of cultural norms and sensitivities when photographing diverse sports or athletes.

Safeguarding Children & YoungPeople: Keeping Children and Young People safe is the number one priority we have as a community- and nothing is different at footy clubs. It is recommended that all photographers both in a volunteer capacity and paid have your state/territory relevant working with children check if operating and taking images of anyone under the age of 18 and adhering to the relevant policies and guidelines which <u>can be found here</u>.

These guidelines aim to help capture compelling sports photographs while respecting the athletes, the game, and ethical considerations. Flexibility and adaptation are key-every sport and situation might require slight adjustments to these guidelines. Further information <u>can be found here on the Play by the Rules website</u>.