



## **Photographic & Recorded Images Policy**

Harpenden Hockey Club does not wish to prevent parents or other spectators being able to take legitimate photographs or recorded images, however the club is committed to providing a safe environment for young people under the age of 18. Included in this commitment is ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to protect young people from the inappropriate use of their images in resources and media publications.

This policy covers the following key areas:

- The taking and / or publishing of photographic images of young people.
- The use of photographic or recorded image equipment at hockey events organised by the club.
- The use of photographic or recorded image equipment as a coaching aid by the Club.

### **Principles**

- Anyone acting on behalf of Harpenden Hockey Club will have an understanding of the issues relating to the taking, and use, of photographic and recorded images of young people and England Hockey's policy on this ([EH Policy for Taking and Use of Photographic and Recorded Images of Young People](#)).
- Young people, and their parents, have the right to decide whether images of them may be made and how these may be used.
- Parents or Guardians must provide written consent for the young person's images to be taken and used.
- Care will be taken to ensure that any images are not sexual or exploitative in nature, nor open to obvious misinterpretation and misuse.
- Care will be taken to ensure that no identifying details will be stored alongside any images, including those used in print media or on websites, that may facilitate contact with a young person by a potential abuser.
- All images of young people will be securely stored to avoid inappropriate use.
- Where images are used for coaching purposes players and their parents will be made aware that this is part of the coaching programme and are to be used for coaching purposes only.
- Suspected inappropriate taking of photographic or recorded images will be challenged and reported.
- Photographers wishing to take images of Harpenden Hockey Club members will be required to register their details with the club in accordance with good practice guidance on photography and recorded images.