



Muckross Hockey Club Photography & Video Policy

Taking photographs of players and using web sites and social media to publicise Muckross Hockey Club and visual recordings of events, games, training and coaching sessions are normal activities in club life.

A common sense approach is required when deciding what may or may not be appropriate as we do not wish to prohibit the advantage that this type of media can afford the club while adhering to best practice guidelines. This document is Muckross Hockey Club's official guide and policy in this area.

By implementing the safeguards below Muckross Hockey Club will

- permit and facilitate the recording of relevant and suitable club activities,
- allow the photographing of club activities
- enable coaches to use the latest technology in the delivery of training
- Allow each of the sections to promote their activities in a safe and non threatening manner

Muckross Hockey Club Guidelines for Photographic/Recorded Images

When parents/guardians register their children as a member of Muckross Hockey Club through ClubForce registration site, they are granting their consent for the possible taking and publication of photographs and video footage of their children in the promotion of the club and the sport and the use of such imagery in line with Muckross Hockey Club Guidelines outlined below.

- All children/young people featured in recordings must be appropriately dressed.
- The photograph or recording should focus on the activity rather than on a particular young person.
- No personal details relating to the young person should be revealed as accompanying materials to the photograph or recorded image.
- Clubs, coaches and volunteers are permitted to use video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid and as a means of recording special occasions. Where a recording will be published on the websites, social media or distributed to parents or children, this should be notified beforehand to the relevant children's officer within the Section. If the club or relevant committee are unhappy with any of the material they are entitled to withdraw their consent and destroy the material involved.
- Parents and spectators taking photographs/recordings should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state the purpose for their photography/filming. If Club Personnel are unhappy about any matter relating to such photography the person can be asked to stop immediately.
- Photography and the recording of images in a public place do not generally require explicit or prior consent. However if an event e.g. a game or training session is taking place, involving under age players, in a public, private or local authority venue, and if you are in charge of such an event you are obliged to request a person to stop taking photos if you feel that such action or photography may be inappropriate.



- Group and team photographs may be taken but it is not necessary to match a player's name. The photograph may appear with the player's name recorded underneath but need not be in the order in which they appear in the photograph.
- It is recognised that on certain occasions individual young people may receive recognition and may be presented with an award. When this happens in the case of an under age player any such photography or recording of events that involves individual presentations should be discussed in advance of the event and agreement reached with the club, parents and the young person themselves, as to what is and what is not permitted.
- Any instances of the use of inappropriate images should be reported to the Club's Children's Officer and/or Designated Person and also to the relevant statutory authorities as deemed appropriate.
- Videoing and photography is permitted by a designated club person only - all other photography should be by request only and considered by the committee eg. the coach can invite parents to take photos at the end of a match or at a prize giving