



Monaleen Gaa Club CLG Móinalín

Guidelines for Photographic/Recorded Images

We feel it is important to recognise the achievements and successes of our young players and of the club as a whole. To allow us to do this, we would like to use photographs of our youth members in the local press and at times, on the club website, newsletter, message system, and social media.

We take the issue of child safety very seriously and this includes the images of the children in our care. Our duty to our young members is paramount and this form of publicity must be carefully monitored.

It should be noted that having photographic and filming guidelines is not about preventing parents and guardians from taking pictures, but rather to ensure that only those who have a right to take photographs do so.

These safeguards should still permit and facilitate the recording of relevant and suitable materials, should allow us to photograph the enjoyment gained by participating in our games, should enable coaches to use the latest technology in the delivery of training skills and should also enable clubs to promote their activities in a safe and non-threatening manner.

Our guidelines have been put in place to address the key concerns regarding the use of images and photographs of children/young people, which relate to:

- The possible identification of children when a photograph is accompanied by personal information and its inappropriate use thereafter.
- The inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use in child pornography or illegal website.
- The taking of inappropriate photographs or recorded images of children.

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A common sense approach is required when deciding on what may or may not be appropriate as we do not wish to prohibit the recording of games, coaching sessions or celebrations at club level through the use of photography or by recording on video equipment. For this reason, we have put the following guidelines in place:

- We ask parental consent for the club to take and use photographs of their children and for permission to use the press and media to promote our underage activities. This consent will be included in the annual online registration process.
- Club officials, coaches and volunteers should be permitted to use photographic/video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid and as a means of recording special occasions; however, care should be taken in the dissemination, storage and use of such material.

- Parental prior consent allows us to use team photographs and action photographs.
- Individual photographs will only be used, with individual parental consent, prior to the inclusion on the club website, social media or in the local press.
- No personal details relating to the young person should be revealed as accompanying materials to the photograph or recorded image e.g. children will not be named in team photographs or team listings may accompany the photograph but children will not be named in the order they appear.
- In general, individual children should not be identified with the exception being when they are being publicly acknowledged (e.g. an award or achievement), subject to prior consent.
- The club does not allow one to one photo sessions at club events, photo sessions outside club events or at a child's home.
- Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the Children's Officer, event organiser or other club official and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.
- In regards to local or national press photographs, it should be noted that we have little or no influence on what photographs may be taken and published in local or national newspapers as such photography is covered by a different set of guidelines. Should we ever be unhappy with the publication of such photographs or images we can address this matter with the individual newspaper or the Press Council of Ireland and the Office of the Press Ombudsman.
- 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 underage players, in a public, private or local authority park, and if you are in charge of such an event you are entitled to request a person to resist from taking photos if you feel that such action or photography may be inappropriate.
- Be aware that refusal of consent should not in any way limit children or young people's participation in activities, however they will not be included in photographs or recordings.
- Should any parent/guardian have any questions relating to this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the club Children's Officer whose details can be found on the club website www.monaleen.gaa.ie/Pages/Units/ChildWelfare.aspx