



Taking Images of Children

Due to several Children in child protection playing the game of Rugby League on the Central Coast that cannot be seen on any websites or social media, we need to have some rules in place. These rules are in addition to the other rules attached.

Any person taking photographs/videos of games

- **MUST** seek prior approval of both Team Managers and Ground Manager for all age groups.
- **MUST** only take photographs/videos of their team.
- **MUST** not publish on any website or social media photographs/videos of other team players.
- **MUST** stop taking photographs if directed to by the Ground Manager.

Third Party Photographers

- **MUST** gain the necessary permission from the CCDJRL for each game, date and venue.
- **MUST** be suitably accredited.
- **MUST** confirm with both Team Managers of teams participating that all players grant permission to have their image taken. If one player does not give permission, no photos are to be taken of that game.

Learn more

Further information about images of children and young people online is available on the Australian Institute of Family Studies website: <https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/images-children-and-young-people-online>, taking images or video of children at sporting events is available on the Play by the Rules website: <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/got-an-issue/child-safe-sport/taking-images-of-children> and Central Coast Division Junior and Senior Rugby League Social Media and Communication Policy is available on the CCDJRL website: <https://www.centralcoastrugbyleague.com.au/forms>

Non-Compliance

Members may face disciplinary action, including fines and bans for breaches to the above rules, including the Australian Institute of Family Studies on the use of images of children and young people online, the Play by the Rules taking images or video of Children at sporting events and the Central Coast Junior and Senior Rugby League Social Media and Communication Policy.

By way of background NRL Policy states:

6.2 Taking images of children

A high level of care needs to be exercised by clubs, associations and administrators when dealing with the issue of photo images of children.

There have been a number of instances where photos of children in sporting magazines and sporting websites have been misused and/or altered for inappropriate purposes.

Clubs, associations and administrators also need to be alert to the possibility that photo images bearing the name of the child and also identifying the club, can lead to the child being located and contacted by third parties for inappropriate purposes.

The NRL urges its member clubs and associations to be aware of such risks and to take steps, where possible, to minimise those risks.

The NRL requires that individuals and associations, wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. They should also make sure the parent/guardian understands how the image will be used.

To respect people's privacy, we do not allow camera phones, videos and cameras to be used inside changing areas, showers and toilets which we control or are used in connection with our sport.

Third Party Photographers

The NRL recommends that steps be taken to verify the bona fides of any third party photographer wishing to take photographs of children participating in your Club or Association. Even when the bona fides are verified, NRL recommends that the third party photographer be required to complete the Authority to Photograph form, which vests all of the intellectual property in the photos directly to your Club.