

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC AND FILMING EQUIPMENT

There is evidence that some people have used sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate photographs or film footage of young and disabled sports people. The NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit has therefore issued guidelines to sport to help prevent this form of abuse. The nature of paddle sport and the environment in which events take place make it difficult and sometimes impractical to follow the recommendations in every situation. However, the **Phoenix Canoe Club Limited** undertakes to take reasonable steps to protect young people and where it is appropriate apply the following guidelines.

- The media and/or professional photographers wishing to record an event or activity should register with the Event Organiser accompanied by proof of their professional identification. This should be in advance of the event to be filmed.
- Anyone wishing to take zoom photographs or video at focus youth events should register with the Event Organiser. Organisers may wish to issue a label to highlight those who have been accredited.
- Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the event organiser or official and recorded in the same manner as any child protection concern.

NB This does not apply to coaches and helpers using video as a legitimate coaching aid but care should be taken in how it is stored.

There is also concern that photographs of children used on web sites or in publications can make children vulnerable to abusers if accompanied by personal information. Paddle UK encourages the celebration of the achievements of our young paddlers in the media but advise using the following guidelines.

Easy rules to remember are:

- When using a photo avoid using full name linked with an address.
- Ask the paddler, parents or carers for permission to use their image (this could be included in the entry form or event details).
- Inform paddlers and parents if a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they consent to the taking and publication of films or photographs.

The following statement could be used to support the above:

In line with the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit, Paddle UK and RYA recommendations, the Phoenix Canoe Club Ltd require any person who wishes to engage in video or zoom photography to register with the Event Organiser / Duty Coach prior to carrying out such photography.

If you are concerned about any photography taking place please contact the Event Organiser.