



Photography and Video Camera Policy

The terms children, juniors, young players, describes any person under the age of 18.

The ECB is keen to promote positive images of children playing cricket and is not preventing the use of photographic or videoing equipment. St Annes Cricket Club is aware that some people may use sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate photographs or film footage of children and is committed to safeguarding young cricketers by following the guidance given by the ECB and by putting into place appropriate and proportionate safeguards.

This policy relates to the use of cameras and videos, during matches, training sessions and other club occasions.

To ensure everyone's safety:

- Photographs/images are not to be taken at matches or training without the prior permission of the parents/guardians of the child. This permission can be given by proxy by the coach of each team only after parental permission for this has been granted. The coach must arrange this prior to attending matches.
- If no consent has been given for a child on the player profile form, then it is to be made known to the relevant person of the other team (e.g. coach/manager) so the appropriate person/s taking photographs for the other team is/are aware and can avoid taking photographs of that particular child/children.
- The children should be informed a person will be taking photographs.
- The children should be informed that if they have concerns they can and should report these to the coach/ team manager child welfare officer.
- Concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography/video should be reported to the club welfare officer and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.
- It is recommended that a camera registration book is set up for parents to complete at cricket and club tournaments/festivals/events/competitions.

Your communications should conform to the Safe Hands Policy and Guidance.

- **If you suspect someone is using social media in an unsafe or inappropriate manner, you should report their behaviour to the club welfare officer, the county welfare officer or the ECB Safeguarding team-email safeguarding@ecb.co.uk.**

Text and E mail

- Coaches/ managers and senior players are not to send text messages to juniors. Make arrangements with their parents/guardians. It is understood that in the case of over 16's this may not be ideal for yourself or the parents. An acceptable exception to this rule, with the parent's prior consent, is to text or email the parent and copy in the 16 or 17 year old. This means the parent is able to monitor communications, but the 16 or 17 year old receives the information directly.
- You should not engage in individual texts or email conversations with a 16/17 year old without their parents receiving the same message from you.
- Coaches/ managers, senior players, club officials/members are not to send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive, nasty or derogatory in any way.

Parental Guidance

- It is against facebook's rules for children under thirteen to have an account. This is to prevent them from being exposed to potentially inappropriate content.
- It's important your child feels they can talk to someone if they are being bullied online, or if they've been exposed to something that makes them upset or uncomfortable.
- Provide the club with your email and /or telephone number to receive texts and emails regarding your child's matches and training, if the club requests this.
- Make sure you know who your child has contact with online and via text.
- Maintain a conversation about using social media with your children.

Guidance for Children and Young People

Please think about the points below whenever you use the internet, or speak to people online or by text. Remember the best way to have fun using the internet is to make sure you are safe.

- If someone is not your friend in real life, they are not your friend on the internet.
- Be careful about accepting friend requests.
- Be aware that sometimes people on the internet are not who they say they are. If you are not 100% sure, please don't risk it.
- Remember to change your privacy settings so that only your friends can see information about you, your posts and your photos.
- If someone is sending you messages or texts you are worried about, you should tell your parents/guardian, an adult you trust, a teacher, your coach/manager or the clubs welfare officer.
- You can expect your coach/manager to make arrangements for coaching and matches via your parents. Coaches/managers should not be texting or messaging you.
- Keep your photos and personal information private.
- Cyber- bullying (bullying online) can also happen. If you or someone you know has or has had this happen to them you should tell an adult you trust.
- Do not send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive or nasty in any way.
- Please do not be afraid to tell someone you trust if you have concerns or worries.