Photography, Video and Sharing Images policy

At RSA, we recognise that children and adults value their sporting achievements, and that the taking of photographs and videos of these moments, may be significant.

However, RSA is also aware of child protection and [safeguarding](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/) issues when people are taking photos or filming at events. We aim to reduce the potential for misuse of images by putting appropriate measures in place.

At the heart of this, RSA upholds that the interests and welfare of all participants in sport, is always paramount.

* We will not use children’s names or any identifying details in photograph captions. If a child is named, we will avoid using the photograph. In the case of images used on our web site, particular care will be taken to ensure that no identifying details facilitate contact with a child by a potential abuser.
* We use a parental permission form to obtain consent for a child to be photographed and videoed
* We obtain the child’s / adult’s permission to use their image.
* We only use images of children in suitable clothing to reduce the risk of inappropriate use. Care will be taken to ensure that images are not sexual or exploitative in nature, nor open to obvious misinterpretation and misuse.
* We will try to focus on the activity rather than a particular child and where possible use photographs that represent the broad range of children and participants taking part in the sporting activity.
* All photos / videos will be securely stored.
* We will detail written expectations of professional photographers or the press who are invited to an event. These will make clear our expectations of them in relation to child protection.
* We do not allow photographers unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults
* We do not approve photography sessions outside the event or at a child’s home.