



Blacktown & Districts Soccer Football Association Incorporated

Video & Images Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline expected in regard to video and images being taken at BDSFA matches, training and any other sanctioned BDSFA event.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Spectators, Members, Coaches, Managers, Employees and Volunteers attending Matches.

3. Definitions

Photograph – taking an image, to photo, image, photography

Video – as per photograph

Camera – device capable of taking images or video

4. General

Any camera device is forbidden from entering any toilet shower or changeroom.

In Australia, generally speaking, there is no law restricting photography of people (including children) in public spaces as long as the images are not:

- Indecent
- being used for voyeurism or made for the purpose of observing and visually recording a person's genital or anal region
- protected by a court order (eg. child custody or witness protection)
- defamatory
- being for commercial purposes (person's likeness is used to endorse or entice people to buy a product).

If a person is taking photographs inappropriately (e.g. breaching the restrictions or ban in place for that private property or venue), then club or parent can request the person to stop. If the person refuses, the police or security may be called to escort them off the property.

5. Taking Images of Children

The BDSFA requires that individuals and clubs, 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.

6. Third Party Photographers

The BDSFA recommends that steps be taken to verify any third-party photographer wishing to take photographs of children participating in any Club or Association event. Approved photographers may be used to gain images for the promotion and marketing of the BDSFA.



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7. Images Being Removed from Public Viewing

In the case of an image needing to be removed from public viewing the person, parent or guardian must write to the BDSFA and/or the club showing which image(s) must be taken off public display. There does not need to be a reason validating why that image(s) requires removal. The BDSFA and/or club must remove that image as soon as possible.

8. References and Links

Acquiring Images of Children – Photography

<https://footballnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Images-of-Children-ASC-1.pdf>

NSW Sport & Recreation fact sheet – Taking Images

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/ryc/memberprotection/takingimages>