



## RS Feva (UK) Association Photography Policy

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### Definitions

'Photography' includes photographic prints, streaming media and transparencies, video, film and digital imaging, created using devices such as cameras, video cameras, phones or tablets, etc.

### Photography/Filming

Publishing articles, photos and videos in articles, on websites, on social media and in local media is an excellent way of recognising young people's achievements and promoting the sport of sailing. However, it is important to minimise the risk of anyone using images of children in an inappropriate way.

RS Feva (UK) considers two key principles to bear in mind:

**1. Before taking photos or video, written permission must be sought from the child and their parent/guardian for their image to be taken and used.**

- A consent form will be sent with the annual renewal of the RS Association membership and entry to events.
- Any official photographer or member of the press/media attending an event should wear identification at all times and should be fully briefed in advance of the expectations they should meet.
- Photographers should not be allowed unsupervised access to young people at an event.
- Consent should be obtained for the use of a video as a coaching aid. Any other use by a coach will be regarded as breach of the RYAs Code of Conduct.
- Any photo or video used for coaching purposes should be used in a respectful and positive way and take into consideration the feelings of the sailor. It should be the intention not to highlight negative issues.
- No images should ever be used by anybody if they may cause upset, distress or embarrassment.
- Care must be taken in the storage and access to images.

**2. When publishing images, make sure they are appropriate and that you do not include any information that might enable someone to contact the child.**

- It is preferable to use a general shot showing participants on the water, or a group shot of the prize winners, without identifying them by name.
- If you are recognising the achievement of an individual sailor and wish to publish their name with their photo, DO NOT publish any other information (e.g. where they live, name of school, other hobbies and interests) that could enable someone to contact, befriend or start to 'groom' the child.
- Ensure that the young people are suitably dressed, to reduce the risk of inappropriate use.

Most sailing activity takes place in areas that are open to the public and it is therefore not possible to control all photography, but any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography, or about the inappropriate use of images, should be reported to the RS Feva (UK) Welfare Officer, in the same way you would for any other child protection concern.

Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state the purpose of photography/filming.

**All adults should note that the use of cameras, video recorders, smart phones/tablets etc. is strictly prohibited in changing areas. This also applies to all young people, and such use will be regarded as bullying.**

End of policy.