

NWG Photography & filming Policy

This Photography & Filming Policy outlines how photographs and video recordings are managed to protect the safety, welfare, and privacy of gymnasts. This policy aligns with British Gymnastics guidance and should be read in conjunction with our other policies.

1. Policy Statement

- We are committed to safeguarding children and young people and ensuring that photography and filming are used appropriately and responsibly.
- The welfare and privacy of gymnasts is paramount.
- Photography and filming will only take place in a manner that is respectful, safe, and in line with this policy.
- Filming or photographing gymnasts by parents, carers, or spectators is not permitted at any time during sessions or activities.

2. General Rules

- Photography and video recording by parents, carers, or spectators within the gym is strictly prohibited.
- These rules apply to all training sessions, classes, and club activities unless otherwise stated by the club.

3. Club Photography & Filming

- The club may occasionally take photographs or videos for legitimate purposes, including coaching review, promotion, marketing, or education.
- Any club photography or filming will be carried out by authorised staff only.
- Images and footage will be used respectfully and stored securely.
- Where required, consent will be obtained in advance from parents or carers in line with data protection and safeguarding requirements.

4. Competitions & Events

- Photography and filming at competitions or events hosted by third parties may be subject to the rules of the event organiser or venue.
- Parents and carers are responsible for familiarising themselves with and adhering to any third-party photography or filming rules when attending external events.

5. Online & social Media Use

- Images or videos of gymnasts must not be shared online in a way that could cause distress, embarrassment, or risk to the individual.
- Any concerns regarding the inappropriate use of images or footage should be reported to the club as soon as reasonably practicable.

6. Changing Areas & Toilets

- Photography and filming are strictly prohibited in changing areas, toilets, or any private spaces at all times.

7. Requests & Exceptions

- Any requests for photography or filming outside of this policy must be made in advance and are subject to approval by the club.
- Approval, where granted, may be subject to specific conditions to ensure safeguarding standards are maintained.

8. Monitoring & Review

- This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains effective and aligned with British Gymnastics guidance and best practice.
- Updates may be made to reflect changes in safeguarding guidance, legislation, or operational requirements.