



Photography policy

Warrington Youth Rowing (including Mersey Youth Rowing and Northwich Youth Rowing) has a strong commitment to the safety of children and young people who take part in rowing. Taking pictures and videos are an important part of the work we do with our partner schools.

These images may be used on our social media, website pages and occasionally by approved outside agencies we work with.

Written consent from parents/guardians for the pupil to be filmed, photographed, and the use of these as above, when joining the scheme, will be obtained by the relevant partner school on our behalf.

The safety of the Child/Young Person (CYP hereafter) is paramount and, to ensure this, we need to create safe and secure environments in which our pupils can train, compete and socialise.

Although rare, there are risks arising from the misuse of imagery.

- No personal information apart from generic school details should accompany published images.
- While some editing of images is acceptable, images taken of CYP involved in rowing should not be modified, merged or manipulated in a way which might cause embarrassment or distress to the subject or cause the final image to be inappropriate.
- We will respect the wishes of a pupil if they do not wish to be photographed.

The following steps can also be taken to reduce the risk from the publication of imagery:

- Do not use any personal details if it is possible from the image to ascertain a specific location, or there are any details on your site about the training venue;
- If it is not possible to ascertain any training or competitive location, consider using a first name only next to an image;
- Only take photographs in suitable environments. i.e. on the water or in the gym.
- The dress of a CYP should be considered when using the photo;
- Do not use images that can appear staged and potentially provocative;

Images or video recordings will be kept securely using a secure password.

Photography at Rowing Events

(a) Official Photography

Accredited photographers from our approved outside agencies, such as Henley Charitable Trust, may be present at some events and these may be videoed and/or live streamed. These images may be used by them for the purposes of promotion, education and development of the sport.

(b) Personal Photography

Warrington Youth Rowing including Mersey Youth Rowing and Northwich Youth Rowing does not wish to discourage the use of video or photographic equipment at events for appropriate use but will take all reasonable precautions to protect rowers against the possible inappropriate use of films or photographic images.

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