

Photography policy at Surrey Athletics Events

Over the past two seasons we have had some comments and some actual complaints about photography at our events. These centre on safeguarding, particularly of young athletes, and also safety. We thought we should reiterate the current SCAA policy which is consistent with advice from UKA and other safeguarding authorities – see [LDS 002\4070695\1](#).

It is natural for spectators to take photographs of athletes in competition especially for parents to take photographs & video for their personal use. Other athletes might be caught in the same shot. But we must respect the fact that not everyone wants to be photographed.

Spectators::

- MAY take photos or short videos ***for personal use only*** of their own child, family or club members
- YOU MUST respect requests from any athlete not to be photographed.
- No one should PUBLISH, including websites and social media, any photos of athletes under 18 without permission. For athletes under 16, permission should come from the parent or guardian.
- Inevitably there is interest in photographing medal winners and podium presentations. These photos may be added to the Surrey website.
 - We will assume that all athletes who win medals agree to be photographed. We will add this condition to entry information.
 - If any athlete prefers to opt out of the presentation, we can arrange to hand over the medal discretely.
 - Photos of presentations must be taken from an area that will be designated.

Finally, for reasons of SAFETY we will not in future allow any photography from inside the competition areas. At track and field meetings ***all*** photography must be taken from behind the spectator barriers. No photographers will be allowed on the track and or within the field event areas. At cross country events restricted areas will be at the discretion of the Race Director or Referee.

Versions of the following poster will be displayed at Surrey Athletics promotions.



SURREY ATHLETICS

PHOTOGRAPHY

WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING – especially of athletes under 18 years.

In line with UKA guidance, remember that not everyone is happy to be photographed:

- YOU MAY take photos or short videos of your own child, family or club members for personal use.
- You must respect requests from any athlete who does NOT want to be photographed.
- DO NOT PUBLISH, including websites or social media, photos of athletes under 18 without permission. For those under 16, you MUST get permission from the parent or guardian
- Medal presentations will inevitably be photographed, and images may be used on the SCAA website. If you prefer not to be photographed let us know and we will hand over the medal more discretely.
- All photography MUST take place from spectator areas or the designated area at presentations.

FOR SAFETY – AT TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS

- NO PHOTOGRAPHERS are allowed on the track, inside the track perimeter or in the field.

If you have comments or concerns about photography at any Surrey Athletics event, contact the Meeting Manager on the day or secretary@surreyathletics.uk