



***National Teams
Photography and
Recorded Images
Policy and Procedures***



**GREAT
BRITAIN
BASEBALL**



NATIONAL TEAMS PHOTOGRAPHIC POLICY

GB BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC AND VIDEO* IMAGES OF CHILDREN/ YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 18

There is a great benefit for creating and using positive images of young people playing national team baseball and softball. However, there is evidence that some people have used sporting events as an opportunity to take inappropriate images of young and disabled sportspeople in vulnerable positions.

POLICY STATEMENT

GB Baseball and Softball adhere to BaseballSoftballUK's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures as part of a tri party agreement with the British Baseball Federation and the British softball Federation.

GB Baseball and Softball are committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18 to participate in sport. Essential to this commitment is to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect children/young people from the taking of, and the inappropriate use, of photographic images.

Photographs can be used as a means of identifying children and young people particularly when they are accompanied with personal information.

This can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to contact and start to "groom" that child for abuse – online (e.g. through websites or social networking) or through direct contact in the off-line, "real" world. There may be legal restrictions for a child's identity being protected from publication (e.g. the child is in Local Authority care or been placed in an Adoptive family) if someone is able to identify and trace the child, this could cause significant difficulties for the child. In addition the content of photographs can itself be inappropriate, or be used or adapted for inappropriate use.

GB Baseball and Softball will implement this policy with regard to any activity organised for children/young people.

Key Principles

The interests and welfare of children taking part in our sport are paramount.

Children and parents have a right to decide whether to give permission for their child's image is taken and how these images may be used.

Written consent for their images to be taken and used must be obtained before any photographs are taken.

Consent is only meaningful when GB Baseball and Softball ensure that the child and their parents understand the nature of the potential risks associated with the intended type, use and distribution of the images.

All photographs and images will reflect a positive impression of the sport and the participants, will feature appropriate sports kit (including recommended safety wear) and will be taken in a way that reduces the opportunities for their misinterpretation or abuse.

All photography equipment will have the audible 'click' sound turned on.

Images should only be taken by authorised persons as agreed in the protocol for a particular event. Request some form of identification when people are registering. This person should then be identifiable at the event eg wearing a high visibility jacket.

All images of children should be securely stored, preferably by the National Teams Safeguarding Officer in a locked fire proof filing cabinet.

In the case of images used on websites particular care must be taken to ensure that no identifying details about the child are provided.

*This includes images or recordings taken on mobile phones.

Publishing Images

Using consent forms we will ask for the permission of young players and their parents to take and use their image. If a player is named, we will avoid using their photograph. If a photograph is used, we will avoid naming the player directly. We will never publish personal details (e-mail, address, telephone numbers, etc.) of a child/young person. Where we pass images to an approved partner for publication, we will require that they follow these guidelines in their use.

We will only authorise the use of images of players in suitable dress (uniform, on field clothing, for example, jerseys, baseball pants, or shorts) and off field clothing.

Images of elite young athletes

Elite level events are increasingly likely to take place in a public arena. GB Baseball and Softball will quite reasonably seek publicity to positively promote their sport, and elite young athletes receiving endorsements or sponsorship may well welcome positive media coverage on a local, regional or national level. GB Baseball and Softball retain their duty of care to these athletes and a responsibility to safeguard them. In respect of some elite young athletes aspects of the more general guidance around the use of images detailed above (for example avoiding the inclusion of names and some other personal details alongside photographs) are not always practical nor desirable.

It is important that other aspects of this guidance (for example about the nature, content and use of images; and about ensuring that photography sessions are supervised) are considered and applied. It is important for the athletes, their parents and media representatives to be clear about appropriate

arrangements and ground rules for interviews, filming and photo sessions. Young elite athletes and their parents will be supported by GB Baseball and Softball and BaseballSoftballUK and prepared to manage these and a range of other issues (including safeguarding concerns) that may arise as a result of their sporting success and increased public profile.

Use of Photographic Filming Equipment at GB Baseball and Softball Events and Sessions

GB Baseball and Softball will:

- Inform players and parents that photographers may be in attendance at an event/session and ensure they consent to both the taking of and publishing promotional photographs.
- Require parents, spectators and authorised photographers, e.g. press, to register at an event if they wish to use photographic equipment, including mobile phones with photographic technology.
- Issue identification passes which must be worn and clearly visible at all times during the event.
- Not approve/allow unsupervised access to players or one to one photo sessions at events by any photographers.
- Not allow any photographic images to be taken in the changing areas, this includes the players
- Not allow photographic sessions outside the event or at a player's home.
- Will act on all concerns of any players or parents regarding the inappropriate use of photographic equipment or Images.
- Notify children/young people and their parents if video equipment is to be used as a coaching aid or for promotional purposes. Ensure that any photographic images taken and used are stored safely.

Photography Event Registration Form

GB Baseball and Softball is committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18 to participate in sport. Essential to this commitment is to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect children/young people from the inappropriate use of photographic images.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel. No. _____

Event Date _____

Programme Description: _____

(Please include start and end dates):

From: _____ To: _____

I wish to take photographs or record images during the course of the above season or event. I agree to abide by the guidelines laid down by GB Baseball and Softball and BSUK and confirm that the photographs or recorded images will only be used in an appropriate manner.

Please describe below how photographs or recorded images will be used

I acknowledge that if it is deemed that any photographs or recorded images are used inappropriately, this may result in me being unable to use photographic equipment at GB Baseball and Softball events in the future.

Signed _____

Date _____

Photography and Recorded Images Permission Form

GB Baseball and Softball recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people in sport. In accordance with our Joint Safeguarding Policy and Procedures we will not permit photographs, video or other images of children/young people to be taken without the consent of the parents and children/young people.

GB Baseball and Softball and BaseballSoftballUK follow the Child Protection in Sport Unit's (CPSU) guidance for the use of photographs, a copy of which is available from the BaseballSoftballUK website or from the BSUK Safeguarding Officer at:

BASEBALLSOFTBALLUK

74A Charlotte Street
London
W1T 4QJ
Tel: 020 7453 7005

Event Date _____

Programme Description: _____

(Please include start and end dates):

From: _____ To: _____

I (*parent*) consent to GB Baseball and Softball photographing or videoing my child's involvement in the (*insert event/session/programme*) for the period of time shown on this form for the purposes of publicising and promoting the club or sport, or as a coaching aid.

I also consent to the possible use of the images by an approved partner to GB Baseball and Softball (please circle your answer): **Yes / No**

Signed _____

Date _____

I (*Insert name of child*) consent to GB Baseball and Softball photographing or videoing my involvement in (*insert event/session/programme*) for the period of time shown on this form.

Signed _____

Date _____