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There have been concerns about the risks posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on sports websites and other publications.

BWF recognise that:

- Photographs can be used as a means of identifying children when they are accompanied with personal information – this is X who lives at Y, is a member of the Z Karate club and who likes a certain music group.
- This information can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to start to “groom” that child for abuse.
- The content of the photo can be used or adapted for inappropriate use.

We only use images that we consider suitable and that we feel appropriately represent karate, without putting children at increased risk.

BWF wish to ensure that parents support our policy.

When BWF assess the potential risks in the use of images of karate-ka, the most important factor is the potential of inappropriate use of images of children.

BWF will:

- Consider using models or illustrations if we are promoting an activity.
- Avoid the use of the first name and surname of individuals in a photograph. This reduces the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people within and outside the sport.
- If the child is named, avoid using their photograph.
- If a photograph is used, avoid naming the child.
- Ask for the child’s permission to use their image. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image is to be used to represent karate. BWF use a Child’s Permission Form to achieve this.
- Ask for parental permission to use an image of a young person. This ensures that parents are aware of the way the image of their child is representing karate. BWF use a Parental Permission Form to achieve this.
- Only use images of children in suitable dress to reduce the risk of inappropriate use. With regard to the actual content, it is difficult to specify exactly what is appropriate given the wide diversity of karate.
- Create a recognised procedure for reporting the use of inappropriate images to reduce the risks to children.
- Establish the type of images that appropriately represent karate for the web and other media.
- Choose appropriate images for the newsletter or magazine and apply an increased level of consideration to the images of children and young people used in the website.



GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILMING EQUIPMENT AT KARATE EVENTS

BWF will:

- Provide a clear brief about what is considered appropriate in terms of content and behaviour.
- Issue the photographer with identification which must be worn at all times.
- Inform children and parents that a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they consent to both the taking and publication of films or photographs.
- Not allow unsupervised access to children or one to one photo sessions at events.
- Not approve/allow photo sessions outside the events or at a child's home.
- Ensure that if parents or other spectators are intending to photograph or video at any BWF event that they are made aware of our expectations.
- Ask spectators to register at an event if they wish to use photographic equipment.
- Inform children and parents that if they have concerns they can report these to the relevant BWF organiser.
- Report concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography to the event organiser or official and this will be recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.