



## **PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

Basketball Victoria recognises that there are many legitimate reasons why still and video photography at sports is very common, and does not wish to unnecessarily restrict or curb that photography.

It is perfectly normal and acceptable for parents to want to film their children's sports to keep as a memento of their growing up. This is becoming increasingly so with the technology being widely owned. It is also becoming increasingly popular for coaches to video their teams' games to assist them in training.

Therefore, Basketball Victoria has devised the following policy:

- Associations and leagues should usually allow parents and close relatives to take photographs and video tape games or training, provided the parent or relative is known to the association. As a courtesy, the coach or manager of the opposition team should also be notified of the intention of photograph or video the game.
- Coaches who wish to video their own team's games or training for training purposes should also normally be allowed to do so. Again, the opposition should be informed. Parents of the coach's own team should be advised by the coach if it is intended to regularly video games or training and reasons for it.

Should any person take objection to the photographing or videoing, they should be asked the reason why they object. It should be explained to them that normal policy in these circumstances is that the photography or videoing should be allowed. However, if the person objecting has a legitimate and strong reason why the objection is made, then a bar should be placed on the photography or videoing. A strong reason may be that the child concerned is the subject of contested custody proceedings, or has been the subject of violence or threats and publication of a video or photograph may compromise the safety of the child.

Associations should exercise common sense in this matter, bearing in mind the above policy.

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