

Sportspark

Photographic Policy

Due to the size of modern video cameras and mobile phones with the facility to produce photographic imagery, and the ability to transmit images onto the World Wide Web the use of such equipment presents the opportunity for misuse.

Policy

The following criteria will need to be implemented in all Sportspark facilities.

- During public sessions there should be a complete ban on the use of photographic and video equipment in all areas of the facilities unless permission has been granted
- Mobile phones should not be used to make or receive calls in activity areas, all changing areas, toilets, showers or spectator areas
- Mobile phones may be used in public areas where the customers remain fully clothed
- If someone is observed using either photographic or video equipment without permission or a mobile phone in an unauthorised area action must be taken to prevent this use immediately
- If someone is observed using either photographic equipment or a mobile phone staff will make them aware of the reasons why this equipment should not be used (*i.e. child protection issues and that our procedure is also about promoting good practise for the protection of all centre users including themselves*).



Notices are displayed in the reception area, which clearly states that the use of photographic, video equipment and mobile phone cameras is prohibited without prior written permission from Sportspark.

- The notice will ask customers to obtain permission from the management before using any photographic equipment:
 - Parental photography
 - We do not wish to restrict parents photographing their children taking part in sport. However, we do ask that permission is requested at Reception.
 - Commercial Photography
 - We restrict any commercial photography to that directly related to a sporting event and then only under the supervision of our staff and with the consent of the people involved or the event organiser.
 - Event publicity and promotion
 - Many Governing Bodies of Sport have policies restricting photography. The event organiser is responsible for ensuring that those policies are implemented and the Sportspark is notified in advance of any permitted photography.
 - Organisers of events are expected to arrange their own control of the use of photographic equipment
 - Coaching photography
 - We recognise the importance and value of photographs and videos in coaching and do not wish to restrict them. However, we do ask that advance permission is requested at Reception.

Use of Photography at Organised Events

During special sessions or events, Sportspark may allow the use of photographic and video equipment. Clubs or organisations who hire our facilities for gala's and events should be issued with a copy of the procedure, which should then be followed.

Sportspark reserve the right to withdraw permission for photography/recording at any time.

The following criteria are implemented in all Sportspark facilities:

- All spectators wishing to use photographic equipment will need to register at reception or designated area
- All participants (and parents if applicable) should be made aware that photography will be taking place during the event by putting up posters
- The event organiser should be informed that photography will be taking place and to be vigilant
- Any inappropriate behaviour by a photographer must be reported to the duty manager immediately.
- If the spectator refuses to complete a registration form they will not be allowed to continue to take photographs (see above).

This does not cover large public events where photographic equipment cannot be easily controlled.