

Claro Orienteering Club



Photography and Protecting Young and Vulnerable People

Protecting Young and Vulnerable People in orienteering, as in most walks of life, continues to be a hot topic, and BOF have published a 12 page policy document for everyone in the sport to follow. Photography is a key aspect of the issue, which perhaps has potential to affect more ordinary orienteers than any other. This article is a statement of CLARO's policy towards photography at events and activities, based on a common sense approach.

It is a sad fact that a small minority of the general population harbour unsavoury interests in young and vulnerable people and use sports as a means of pursuing these interests. As a sport and an organising club, we need to be aware of this and take action to obstruct such activities.

PROPER USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The publication of photographs, and the recognition and publicity value that can be associated with them, are important in encouraging young and old people alike to take part in our sport. Such photographs might include people during the race, at the start, finish or assembly, and collecting prizes. In particular:

- ♦ Photographs showing un-named people may be published without restriction (subject to the proviso in the following section on improper use).
- ♦ Photographs where young and vulnerable people are named in a caption, may only be used in The Clarion and other publications where the circulation is restricted to club members. Where permission from the parent or guardian is given, publication of such photographs and captions will be restricted in accordance with that permission. Verbal permission will be sufficient. If photos are supplied by the parent/guardian, publication will be deemed to be unrestricted.
- ♦ Now that The Clarion is published on the web, captions should be removed unless permission of the parent or guardian has been given.

IMPROPER USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs showing people getting changed or in other such situations will not be published, and Claro Orienteering Club actively discourage the use of cameras in circumstances where this could occur.

APPLICATION OF THESE GUIDELINES

Claro Orienteering Club assumes that anyone attending one of its events is willing to abide by these guidelines. A statement as shown will be placed on event literature and on the club's website.

'In line with the recommendation in the British Orienteering Child Welfare Policy and Procedures, the promoters of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should register their details with staff before carrying out any such photography. The event organisers reserve the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the organiser's conditions.'

If you are concerned about the conduct at an event of another orienteer or member of the public in this respect, then please advise the Organiser who will take appropriate action, including as necessary informing the appropriate external agencies. It is not the responsibility of anyone engaged in orienteering to investigate or decide whether abuse is taking place; the Police and local authority social services departments have this responsibility.

If you have a complaint about this policy, or its application by the club, you should write to The Chairman, Claro Orienteering Club, who will be responsible for investigating the matter.

Alternatively, and in accordance with BOF policy, you can approach the Designated Officer at BOF.

The BOF policy statement can be found at:

http://www.britishorienteeing.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_policies_osafe.pdf