

## Community Club Photography Guidelines

As a photographer for your club, team or league you have a duty of care to the participants in which you are capturing. This document provides advise and guidelines which are general in nature for a volunteer/paid photographer that may be engaged to capture content.

**Safety First:** Stay at a safe distance to avoid interfering with the game or causing accidents.

**Seek Consent:** Always ask for permission from players to be photographed, especially in private or amateur games. Players in most instances when registering to play have agreed to the [terms and conditions of registration for participants](#) to allow this however it is recommended that you seek this permission directly.

**Non-intrusive Approach:** Blend in with the environment to capture candid shots without disrupting the game.

**Respect Privacy:** Avoid capturing vulnerable or compromising moments that could harm the player's reputation.

**Selective Editing:** Enhance images while maintaining their authenticity and the spirit of the game.

**Respectful Sharing:** When sharing images, consider the players' privacy and rights.

**Avoid Misrepresentation:** Refrain from altering images in a way that misleads viewers about the actual events.

**Cultural Sensitivity:** Be aware of cultural norms and sensitivities when photographing diverse sports or athletes.

**Safeguarding Children & Young People:** Keeping Children and Young People safe is the number one priority we have as a community - and nothing is different at footy clubs. It is recommended that all photographers both in a volunteer capacity and paid have your state/territory relevant working with children check if operating and taking images of anyone under the age of 18 and adhering to the relevant policies and guidelines which [can be found here](#).

These guidelines aim to help capture compelling sports photographs while respecting the athletes, the game, and ethical considerations. Flexibility and adaptation are key—every sport and situation might require slight adjustments to these guidelines. Further information [can be found here on the Play by the Rules website](#).