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Photography / Video Policy

Vic Country Futsal (incorporating Futsal Ballarat and Geelong Futsal) recognises that photographing and filming children in the sport and recreation setting is usually performed in an appropriate manner and for good reasons. However, the inappropriate recording (photography, video or audio) of children can occur which puts children at risk.

Background and the law

It is a legitimate pursuit to film and take photos at sporting events. A common sense approach therefore needs to be taken to ensure everyone can record their child's achievements whilst also keeping children safe.

In Australia, there are no laws specifically prohibiting photographing and filming people (including children) in public places. However, there are Commonwealth, State and Territory laws that safeguard the privacy and safety of people (including children) from exploitation and inappropriate use of their image.

For example, it is unlawful for images and video to be taken that is:

- indecent (such as 'up skirt' or 'down blouse' photographs taken covertly);
- in change rooms, toilets or other designated private areas;
- for the purposes of voyeurism or to record a person's genital or anal region, or in an otherwise provocative or sexual manner;
- of persons protected by a court order (e.g. Children subject to court orders or other legal protection); or
- used for commercial purposes without the consent of the subject (person's likeness is used to endorse a product).

Guidelines for photographing or filming at our competitions.

For all legal purposes no recording (photography, video, audio) may take place except that which is permitted by Vic Country Futsal.

Vic Country Futsal does not impose a blanket ban on photography or filming of children at our competition venues and encourages families and people of all ages to enjoy our competitions, and to capture their memories and share them with friends.





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In granting this use, Vic Country Futsal applies the following conditions:

- All images or video taken must be for private (non-commercial) use only, unless otherwise approved by Vic Country Futsal management;
- Permission should be obtained from the child's parent/guardian prior to taking any images or video of a child or young person, particularly if they can be identified and you intend to post the images or video on to social media;
- Vic Country Futsal, from time to time, consents to parents and guardians, taking images or video of children participating in its programs for use in print, digital and electronic media for the purpose of promoting the Vic Country Futsal competitions and the sport;
- Photographers (professional photographers, spectators, fans, coaches or members of the media) are not permitted unsupervised access to children;

Think before you post

As social media users, we should all be vigilant about what we share. Once posted online any photo or video can be shared, copied and/or manipulated. You may not be able to control how a photo or video is used by others. Before posting a photo or video, think about:

- Who might be able to see these images?
 - When uploading images and video check your privacy settings on the social media services you use as well as on the device to control who sees your images.
- Is there anyone else in this photo?
 - Be mindful that some people may not want their image to be published.
- Will this image offend anyone?
- Are there any identifying details in the image? Do not include personal information such as children's names.
- Avoid images and video that:
 - are indecent, offensive or demeaning to any person
 - harm or injure someone's reputation and/or open them to public ridicule and embarrassment
 - contain personal details for example full names, personal contact information or uniforms that identify location
 - show a child who is clearly upset or distressed.





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Complaints process

If you believe a person is taking images or video inappropriately on site, then please approach venue Management of Vic Country Futsal immediately. Vic Country staff member will then assess the situation and may request the person to stop taking images. If the person refuses, the police or security may be called to escort them off the property.

If there are reasonable concerns that a person (adult or child) is taking photographs that are indecent or in areas like toilets/change rooms, then Vic Country Futsal staff will contact the police immediately.

If an image or video of your child has been posted online without your permission and you wish it to be removed, then in the first instance you should ask the person who posted the photo or video to remove it. If the person refuses or you don't know who posted it, **you should contact or report your concern directly to the social media site.**

Please note that it is best to raise any concerns you have whilst you are at the venue immediately with Vic Country Futsal venue management so that the matter can be followed up and dealt with promptly.

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