



Policy		Photography and Videography		NWA-POL-19	
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Policy Statement

This policy outlines the requirements and responsibilities of Netball WA (NWA), West Coast Fever (WCF) and Glass Jar Australia (GJA) with regards to photography and videography at competitions or events and subsequent use and storage of these images. At the forefront of the policy is consideration of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and the privacy of people participating in NWA, WCF or GJA managed competitions or events.

Scope

This Policy applies to all members, participants, spectators, guests, volunteers, and event officials at all NWA events.

These events include, but are not limited to, Gold Industry Group WA Netball League (GIG WANL), State Cup, Regional Championships, Fuel to Go & Play Association Championships, NAIDOC Netball Carnival/s, Multicultural Carnival and School Carnivals, corporate Netball Events, Clinics and Carnivals, Leadership Camps, Charity and other events.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to safeguard the privacy and safety of people participating in events managed or operated by Netball WA (NWA), West Coast Fever (WCF) or Glass Jar Australia (GJA). It is designed to provide clarity on, and procedures for managing, photography/videography by any person at NWA events.

This policy aligns to NWA’s child safeguarding responsibilities and is designed to enhance and clarify the child safeguarding principles outlined in **Netball Australia’s Member Protection Policy (INT010)**, **Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy (INT011)** and the **National Principles for Child Safe Organisations**.

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Responsibilities

The NWA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is accountable for ensuring the policy is communicated and adopted across the organisation.

The relevant Manager is responsible for ensuring the operational implementation of this Policy.

Photography and Australian Law

In Australia, there are no laws specifically prohibiting photographing and filming people (including children) in public places. Photography and filming at sporting events is a legitimate activity. However, it is unlawful for photography and film to be taken that is:

- Indecent
- Defamatory
- Used to cyber bully
- Being used for voyeurism
- Protected by a court order, or
- Provocative or sexual in nature.

Not all outdoor or accessible places are public places, even though they may appear to be. Restrictions on photography and filming can be placed on individuals who are accessing private property.

Acquiring Images

NWA requires every person and organisation bound by this policy to obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. The purpose(s) for use of the image(s) should be made clear.

The relevant competition handbook/manual will outline the specific process in which NWA acquires consent to take images at that event, and the manner in which people can withdraw that consent.

All Members on registration to NWA will be required to provide or withdraw their consent to the acquisition of their image across all levels of competition and programming.

Attendees at an event are requested to respect the rights of professional photographers who have obtained the authority to photograph a particular NWA event.

Anyone taking photographs of children during a NWA event, whether by consent from NWA or for private purposes, should not have unsupervised access to any children at the activity.

It will be at NWA's discretion to determine whether adequate permission has been granted for the capture of photographs of children.

Restrictions

- Professional standard digital SLR style cameras with lenses greater than 200mm are not permitted at a NWA event unless prior approval has been granted from NWA and the person using the camera is wearing an identification pass or clothing provided by NWA.
- NWA acknowledges that family and friends may wish to take their own images, and this is supported if they are using 'Point & Shoot Cameras' for taking photos of their own family members or friends and the camera is within the restrictions listed above.
- No photography will be permitted under any circumstances in the restrooms or changing areas of stadiums and facilities where NWA events are being conducted.
- No photography shall be permitted of a game at an NWA competition where a red cone or marker appears in front of the scorer/timer or on the score bench.
- No photography from an NWA event shall be used for commercial purposes unless authorised by NWA.
- Indoor venues that are not operated by NWA may already have photography restrictions or guidelines in place by which, when users, NWA, its affiliates, and members must abide.

Photographs of Children

As per **Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy (INT011)** the following applies with regards to the photography of Children:

- Children are to be photographed or videoed while involved in Netball only if:
 - the child's parent or guardian has provided prior written approval for the photographs to be taken or for the video footage to be captured;
 - the context is directly related to participation in Netball;
 - the child is appropriately dressed and posed; and
 - the image is taken in the presence of another personnel.
- Relevant Organisations and Relevant Persons must not distribute images or videos (including as an attachment to an email) to anyone outside Netball organisation other than the child photographed or their parent, without organisational knowledge and approval.
- Images (digital or hard copy) are to be stored in a manner that prevents unauthorised access by others and will be destroyed or deleted as soon as they are no longer required.
- Images are not to be exhibited online or in publications (annual report) without parental knowledge and approval (through a signed image consent form), or such images must be presented in a manner that de-identifies the child. Any caption or accompanying text may need to be checked so that it does not identify a child if such identification is potentially detrimental.

Displaying Images

No images of children under the age of 18 will be published by NWA unless the permission to do so has been sought and given by the child's legal guardian.

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NWA and its affiliates shall not publish a person's name or personal information such as their residential address, email address, or telephone number with photographs unless prior permission has been sought and given.

No image taken at an NWA event shall be displayed or published for either direct or indirect commercial purposes unless authorised by NWA.

NWA recognises the promotional benefits of images and the popularity of social media and therefore does not strictly prohibit the publication of images on social media by Members, family of Members, and Affiliates. NWA advises that discretion is taken if a person chooses to publish an image via social media.

Policy Breaches

NWA event officials are authorised to request users to cease using equipment which contravenes this policy and may remove any person in breach of this policy from an NWA event.

If anyone has concerns regarding people taking photographs at an NWA event, these should be raised with a NWA event official. If the person taking photographs is then unable to demonstrate to the NWA event official that they have legitimate reasons to do so, they will be asked to discontinue and may be asked to leave the venue.

NWA may impose a ban of any length to any person who is in breach of this policy. This ban may be imposed on attendance at a single event, multiple events, or any NWA event.

Definitions

Attendees	All persons attending a NWA, WCF, or GJA event.
Commercial Purposes	Purposes that are intended to make a profit.
Event Officials	NWA staff members, security (where applicable), and any other person who has been delegated by NWA as an Event Official.
Manager	Any NWA, WCF or GJA manager, staff member or appointed workforce member that is managing the competition/event.
Members	Financial Individual Members of NWA.
NWA CEO	NWA Chief Executive Officer.
NWA Event	An event/s or activities including, but not limited to, competitions, education events, meetings, functions, seminars, or any other activity organised by NWA, WCF or GJA.
Participant	Any non-member playing in an NWA carnival or event.

Photography	The act of taking photographs, or video, which are still or moving images taken by a camera, mobile phone, or any other medium used to take still or moving images.
Spectator/Guest	Any individual in attendance at an NWA event that is not covered under any other definition.
Venue	Any employee of the venue at which the event is taking place.
Volunteer	Any individual in attendance volunteering assistance in any form to either NWA, Associations, Clubs, Teams, or other Associate Members.

Relevant Legislation/Compliance

Legislation / Compliance

National Principles for Child Safe Organisation

<https://childsafe.humanrights.gov.au/national-principles/about-national-principles>

Support Documents

Document Number	Document Description
INT010	Netball Australia Member Protection Policy
INT011	Netball Australia Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy