



The Avenue LTS&FC – Photography and Video policy statement in respect of children under 18 and vulnerable adults

This Policy statement forms part of the Safeguarding arrangements at The Avenue LTS&FC

The Avenue LTS&FC recognises that parents, carers and spectators may wish to photograph their children, relatives, friends, or clients playing tennis at an event. However, in order to safeguard children under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults any user of photographic equipment must register with the event organisers beforehand.

If anyone has concerns about unauthorised photography this should be reported to the event organisers, club officials, coaches or Welfare officers immediately.

Where Avenue coaches or officials plan to take photographs for publicity purposes, they will advise parents, carers etc in advance and seek written consent to do so. At the event notices will be displayed to remind participants and spectators that photographs and/or video recordings are planned. If parents or carers object to these activities, then their children or clients will not be photographed or be part of any video recording.

Image and video content

To meet safeguarding requirements:

- All children featured must be appropriately dressed i.e. wearing t-shirts and shorts or skirts that cover the torso from neck to thighs
- The focus of images will be tennis and other sports activities offered at the Avenue
- Where possible images should involve groups of children or adults
- Images should be representative of diversity at the event with regard to age, gender, ethnicity and disability

Any inappropriate use of images should be reported to The Avenue's Welfare officers or the LTA Safe and Inclusive Tennis Team and the Police.

Publishing images

Where the Avenue LTS&FC or its coaches intends to publish images featuring children or vulnerable adults this will only be carried out where written consent has been given by appropriate adults. Images will be chosen with care to meet safeguarding standards.

Note: In some cases, coaches may wish to use video recordings for specific coaching purposes. Where this is proposed it will only occur after discussion with parents or carers and with appropriate written consent.