

Photography – events & publicity

All Sea Cadet adult staff when assuming parental responsibility must bear in mind the increasingly sensitive subject of photography involving Cadets (in particular juveniles under the age of 16 years). Care should be taken to ensure that no unwelcome photography of Cadets occurs and adults should be particularly mindful of the potential dangers of undesirable photography at Sea Cadet events such as swimming galas. Whilst it would be impractical to describe all circumstances, the following guidelines will assist in dealing with photographic issues.

GUIDELINES FOR COMMANDING OFFICERS / EVENT ORGANISERS

Photography at Sea Cadet events, in particular where young people may be deemed to be vulnerable, should be monitored by the event organiser and photographers (both amateur and professional) advised as to their conduct. Unsupervised photography should be discouraged and parental consent obtained before any photo opportunities are offered.

CONTROLLED EVENTS

Swimming galas including National, Area, District events, will be regarded as controlled events at which only official photography under the direction of the organiser will be permitted. Parents / spectators at such events should be advised by the organiser that photography cannot be permitted and the reason explained. Any queries regarding the status of an event should be addressed to the Director of Training and the Area Officer (Area/District events). Any complaints should be referred to Area or Headquarters without comment.

Photographs / digital images of Cadets engaged in activities which might be considered voyeuristic i.e. swimming / sports should not be stored on computer or published to any third party. On all such occasions event organisers should take appropriate security measures to prevent interlopers from photographing cadets for unapproved purposes.

Under no circumstances should Cadets be photographed in compromising or undressed situations.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES

Photography for future publication is a legitimate activity which should only be carried out **only** under the strictest supervision once parental permission has been obtained.

- Before taking photographs for publication, parental approval must be sought and obtained in writing on the approved form (SCC Form T1)
- Parents (and Cadets) must be advised that the image will be submitted for publication i.e. local press / Navy News but no personal details will be published.
- When captioning photographs for publication **no personal details of the Cadet(s) involved should be given beyond name, rank and unit. Under no circumstances should home addresses, telephone numbers, school details or any other information which might specifically identify the Cadet be provided.**

These guidelines are intended to raise awareness of the potential pitfalls of photography and encourage a mature and sensible approach to the subject. Obviously it is not possible to cover every eventuality and common sense should be applied when making on the spot decisions. In general it is up to all of us to take extra care to prevent undesirable photography.