SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - IMAGES OF CHILDREN



GB Taekwondo like to celebrate children's participation in activities at GB Taekwondo with appropriate images. We have a number of people who are designated as official children's photographers for this purpose. We also have some simple rules about taking images – photographs and videos, whether on film or digital.

For more comprehensive information, please refer to GB Taekwondo's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures, available to download from our website or please contact our Safeguard Officers.

Consent - We will only have images taken of a child if parents and carers give consent (this is coordinated by the GB Taekwondo member of staff managing the activity/event).

Obtaining Images - If you want to obtain pictures of your child taken at a particular event/activity, please ask the GB Taekwondo member of staff organising that event/activity if and when they may be available.

Only our official Designated Children's Photographers - and their opposite numbers from teams at our competitions — may take images at our Academy/Development Programmes. This is because the boys/girls are concentrating on developing their practice of Taekwondo skills and shouldn't be distracted.

In other activities, it is sometimes possible for you, your family and friends to take your own images of your child, but please ask if you want to do this – and please respect our decision.

'Unofficial' images – taken by parents, carers, family friends and the children themselves - If your child's activity is not at our Academy/Development Programme and you want to take your own unofficial images, please ask. If it is possible, we'll let you know when and where you can take them. However, we can't always say 'yes' to image taking and we ask you to respect our decision if we are unable to allow it.

Posing for unofficial images can get in the way of some activities, but another more important reason for our saying 'no' is that it is sometimes against the law to take images of particular children – for instance where parents have refused consent.

In situations like these, no image taking by anyone at all, including our Designated Children's Photographer, is possible. Please don't try to take 'secret' pictures. This can lead to all sorts of problems if someone else spots you, thinks you are acting suspiciously towards children and reports you to GB Taekwondo staff, or Children's Authorities.

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