

Photography and Videography Policy 2025 - 2026

In accordance with the RFU, Fairford Rugby Club encourages parents and spectators to take photographs of the participants involved in rugby. As a club, we are aware it is not illegal to take photographs on privately owned or leased land. However, we have this policy in place to protect our players as much as we can.

Fairford Ruby Club is aware that there may be some circumstances where taking a photograph of a child might not be acceptable. We regularly (during annual renewal of membership) check with parents and guardians to see if they would like to have their child opt out of being photographed at the club. This information is recorded and shared with the appropriate individuals within our club, who may be responsible for taking and publishing images.

Fairford Rugby Club adhere to the following rules:

- Photographs will only be taken of the activity or team and not of an individual child.
- In no circumstances will personal information be used or shared, which could lead to a child being identified. If this is necessary, we will require written consent from parents and will inform them of how the information will be used.
- Photographs will only be taken on the playing fields and not in changing facilities.
- When hosting other clubs for fixture, going to away fixtures or at other club events, exchange of permissions will be had between coaches to ensure those children who cannot have their photographs taken have been identified.
- Parents are to try and only take photographs of their own children and not take images of other children. Although we understand this is challenging in a team game. Therefore, if photographs are taken by parents which include other children, these are not to be shared via social media without the consent of the other child's parent / guardian.
- If a child is a mascot during a Senior Men's or Vixens team fixture, their photograph will be taken in a group context and shared on social media. If you do not wish to have your child's photograph taken, please remove them from the setting.

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