



PLAYER AND COACH – CODE OF CONDUCT

CROYDON RANGES FOOTBALL CLUB (CRFC)

Policy Rationale and Purpose

CRFC is keen to promote positive images of all activities at the club, including adults, children and young people. This can be across multiple social and digital platforms, in addition to genuine media publications. To ensure the safety and respect of all members, the following guidelines must be adhered to at all times.

Policy Guidelines

1. Photographs/images are not to be taken at matches or training without the prior permission from the player or the parents/carers of the child. This permission can be given by proxy by the coach of each team only after consent for this has been granted. The coach must arrange this prior to attending matches. For football, permission must be granted by the managers of both teams prior to kick-off.
2. If no consent has been given by the player or for a child on the player profile form, then it is to be made known to the relevant person of the other team (e.g. coach/team manager) so the appropriate person/s taking photographs for the other team is/are aware and can avoid taking photographs of that particular child or player.
3. Players and children should be informed a person will be taking photographs
4. Players and children should be informed that if they have concerns, they can report these to the coach or team manager.
5. Concerns regarding inappropriate, or intrusive, photography should be reported to CRFC Coaches or Committee Members and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection or safeguarding concern.

Use of images of children (for example on the web, in the media or in league handbooks), including broadcast on social media platforms:

1. Ask for parental permission to use the child's image and, wherever possible, show the image to the parents and child in advance. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image will be used to represent the sport and the club.
2. Ask for the child's permission to use their image. This ensures they are aware of the way the image is to be used to represent the sport and the club.
3. If the player is named, avoid using their photograph.
4. If a photograph is used, avoid naming the child.
5. Only use images of children in appropriate kit (training or competition), to reduce the risk of inappropriate use, and to provide positive images of the children.
6. Encourage the reporting of inappropriate use of images of children. If you are concerned, report your concerns to CRFC Coaches or Committee Members.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements. If no changes are needed, this version will remain.