

Parks Tennis Ireland– Safeguarding Policy

Appendix 15

Photography, Mobile Technology and Video Footage of Children

Statement of Policy

Parks Tennis Ireland is committed to ensuring that all participating children and young people have a safe and enjoyable experience while participating in their programmes.

The committee of Parks Tennis Ireland has decided that use of mobile phones or technology is not permitted while participating in its programmes.

The committee of Parks Tennis Ireland has decided that all designated photographers/ video personnel should have appropriate accreditation/identification.

All decisions reached by Parks Tennis Ireland with regard to the above have been taken with the best interests of all participating children as the primary consideration.

Remember, having photographic and filming guidelines is not about preventing parents from taking pictures; it is to ensure that only those who been officially engaged to do so have authority to take photos or video on court activities.

Therefore, the committee of Parks Tennis Ireland has decided that all designated photographers/video personnel should have appropriate accreditation/identification.

There are a few salient points to remember in relation to mobile technology. An NSPCC survey has come to the conclusion that the primary technology-related threat comes from peers, not ‘stranger danger’.

Such technology can be used to cross personal boundaries and, as such, cause harm to young people. For example, inappropriate use of camera phones can cause offence or upset to others.

Therefore, the committee of Parks Tennis Ireland has decided that use of mobile phones or technology is not permitted while participating in its programmes.

Parks Tennis Ireland may wish to include children in photographic or video material for promotional purposes. If a parent/guardian does not wish to have their child photographed or videoed for these purposes, they must convey this in writing to Parks Tennis Ireland.

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