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Birmingham BMX Club

Photography and Safeguarding Policy

Photography and media provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievement of young people and the spectacle of cycling events. The management of photography in cycling can be difficult, as competition and training is almost exclusively carried out in large open public spaces where it is not possible to control admission.

Parents or carers who do not wish for their child to be photographed, must make the club aware. The club will take particular care in the case of children who are from adopted or foster families or if there is a child arrangement order in place.

BBMXC will be vigilant in looking for inappropriate behaviour, and will take appropriate action. BBMXC will follow the below principles:

- **Be aware**: Is someone taking photos as a means to engage vulnerable people and obtain inappropriate images of them? Are they taking photos inside a changing room or other situation that is outside the norm? Do you think they have any connection to the event taking place? Are they using the equipment in an open manner or are they being secretive?
- **Challenge:** If you see someone displaying the above behaviour, or acting in some other unorthodox manner, ask them what they are doing, why and who for. If they do not provide a satisfactory answer, make a note of their appearance, car registration, name and any other details that may help to identify them.
- **Report:** Pass on any information you have to the Welfare Officer or British Cycling Safeguarding team, who will advise you on how the issue will be dealt with.

BBMXC will consider, and encourage spectators wishing to take photographs to consider, the following:

- **Audience:** Consider the intended audience and purpose of the image when taking photos, and when using them at a later date. Take on the bike, action shots only of juniors.
- **Identification:** The visual content and captions should not identify the riders in anyway.
- **Dress:** Any person featured will be wearing suitable dress and the photographs will focus on the activity rather than a full body shot. Inappropriate clothing that could cause safety issues should not be worn.
- **Safety equipment:** all photos must contain riders wearing appropriate safety equipment.

- **Storage:** images must be stored securely to ensure access is restricted to appropriate people. This will help to prevent inappropriate use of the images.

BBMXC will not permit the following at any BMX event:

- Unsupervised access to competitors or one to one photo sessions.
- Unsupervised photo sessions outside of the sports competitions.
- Photography in the changing rooms or when riders are in a state of undress.

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