

Timmins Badminton Club

# Photography & Media Policy

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# Safe Sport Policy

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## 1. Policy Statement & Guiding Principles

### 1.1. Policy Statement

The Timmins Badminton Club encourages the celebration and promotion of our vibrant community. This policy is designed to balance the goal of promoting the club with our firm commitment to protecting the privacy, comfort, and safety of all our members, especially minors. This policy applies to all photos, videos, and other media captured during club activities and covers both official club use and personal use by members.

### 1.2. Guiding Principles

- **Celebration:** We aim to capture the fun, sportsmanship, and community spirit of our club.
- **Respect:** The privacy and comfort of every individual is paramount.
- **Protection of Minors:** The safety and protection of our junior members (under 18) is our highest priority in all media-related matters.

## 2. Official Club Photography & Video

This section governs media captured by the Executive Committee or their designates for official promotional purposes. Official use includes, but is not limited to, the club website, official social media channels (e.g., Facebook), posters, brochures, and grant applications.

### 2.1. Consent

The Club will only use images of identifiable individuals if they have provided their consent.

- **How Consent is Obtained:** Consent is obtained via the optional "Media Consent" checkbox on the official online registration form. For members under 18, this consent must be provided by their parent or legal guardian.

- **Implied Consent:** Attendance at public events, such as a year-end tournament or awards ceremony, may constitute implied consent to be photographed as part of a crowd or group. However, for individual or small-group promotional photos, explicit consent will be confirmed.

## 2.2. Protecting Minors

To further protect our junior members, the Club will adhere to the following practice: When using photos of junior members that are clearly identifiable, we will avoid using their full names in the accompanying captions or text where possible.

## 2.3. Withdrawing Consent & Takedown Requests

- **Withdrawing Consent:** A member may withdraw their consent for *future* use of their image at any time by providing a written request to the Club Secretary.
- **Takedown Requests:** If a member sees an image of themselves on an official club platform that they are uncomfortable with (even if they previously consented), they may request its removal by contacting the Club Secretary. The Executive will review all such requests in a timely and respectful manner.

# 3. Member & Guest Photography (Personal Use)

This section governs photos and videos taken by members and guests on their personal devices (e.g., smartphones).

## 3.1. Guiding Principle: Respect for Privacy

We encourage members to capture the fun and excitement of our club nights, but this must be done in a way that respects the privacy and comfort of others. The Club's Code of Conduct extends to all online activity related to the club.

## 3.2. Guidelines for Personal Photography

- **Ask for Permission First:** Before posting a photo or video on social media or any public platform where other individuals are clearly identifiable, it is a **required** courtesy to ask for their permission.
- **Mandatory Parental Consent for Minors:** Before posting an image that clearly features a junior member (under 18) who is not your own child, you **must obtain permission from their parent or legal guardian.**
- **Be Respectful:** Do not take or post photos or videos that are unflattering, embarrassing, harassing, or could be perceived as bullying.

- **No Live Streaming:** Live streaming of games or general club activities is prohibited without the express prior consent of the Executive Committee and all individuals being filmed.

## 4. Reporting & Enforcement

### 4.1. Reporting a Concern

If you are uncomfortable with a photo or video that another member has posted online, your first step should be to politely and privately ask them to take it down. If you are not comfortable doing so, or if the issue is not resolved, you may report your concern confidentially to any member of the Executive Committee or the club's designated Safe Sport Officer.

### 4.2. Enforcement

Any violation of this policy will be considered a breach of the Club's Code of Conduct. The Executive Committee will address the matter in accordance with the Club's Disciplinary Policy, and any action taken will be appropriate to the severity and nature of the breach.

*This policy is subject to review and amendment by the Executive Committee of the Timmins Badminton Club.*