

IMC Statement:

### Sharing of images on Social Media (Junior Members)

There is no law against taking photos at public events, including other people's children (Ask the Police, 2021 Ref NSPCC).

The sharing of photographs and films of our activities can help us celebrate the successes and achievements of our Junior members and raise the awareness of the IMC. We have been fortunate to have been supported by many bona fide photographers over the past few years who in giving of the time so freely have captured special memories for us all. Children and their parents/guardians have a right to decide whether their images are taken and how these may be used. When entries are submitted agreement is given for the child's image to be taken by registered photographers automatically. As part of our Safeguarding Policy all photographers must first register and be granted permission to attend and photograph at IMC events. Parents/Guardians who wish their child's image not to be taken or shared are advised to make this known to officials (see Rule Book). Photography or filming for personal use is acceptable but permission should be sought and granted from children and their parents/guardians before sharing photographs or videos that include them.

We have built our Championship around an ethos of inclusivity. A Championship in which all successes are celebrated regardless of ability or ambition. What is not acceptable is the sharing of images that create a direct comparison of achievements. There should be NO sharing of Timing Sheets and/or Results Sheets on personal or 'Team' social pages with the intent of singling out individual achievements by direct comparison of others. Select only the information of relevance. Celebrate P1, PB's and fastest laps by all means but please do not post the entire results sheet. Members are reminded that all posts on the Private Member's Forum are solely for the information of Members. This information should not be shared. Whilst results are displayed on the website for general use and in an open domain they are displayed solely for the purpose of a record of the event. To use a simple analogy – when a parent sits across the table from their child's school teacher to discuss their progress, the teacher does not push a clipboard across the table with a list of the child's class-mates results for you to take a comparative snap to post to social media. Simply, they discuss the progress of the child in question. The results of others are irrelevant and emphasis is placed on the individual accomplishments of the child they are there to discuss. In short, we ask that when sharing or posting content that you are mindful and considerate of others.

The Team hopes that all parents can see that we have the best intentions of all our members and the Championship at the forefront of every decision we make. Rules relating to Safeguarding are complex and we ask for your support in simplifying them.

If any child or parent has any concerns about images or videos being shared they can contact Michelle Sherman-Boyd, Krystle Black, or Lesley Stott at any time.

Yours in Sport

The IMC Team