

BOK Photographic Policy

Bristol Orienteering Klub supports the principles contained within the British Orienteering 'O-Safe' document pages 19-24. Organisers of larger events and regular photographers within the Klub should be aware of the comprehensive guidance provided in this document.

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_O-Safe_2017.pdf



General Principles

Spectators like to take photographs both of event arenas and of competitors, some runners like to video their races, while coaches may find photography useful during training. Appropriate good quality photography enhances the sport and should be encouraged.

Members of the public are entitled to take photos in public areas, whether or not this includes taking images of children involved in events or activities. Regardless of any specific policy governing photography by those attending an event, organisers have no right to impose special rules on other members of the public using the same bit of land. However, if there are any concerns that an individual may be taking images of juniors that are inappropriate or illegal, they should immediately be reported to the Event Organizer or one of the Klub Safeguarding officers, who have a responsibility to investigate the situation and if necessary contact the police.

Responsibility of Event Organiser

If there are no restrictions on photography, include the following paragraph in the Final Details:

You are welcome to take photographs or record video at this event, but please respect people's privacy and avoid photography close to first-aid and toilet facilities, or in areas where runners are changing. Photographs may be posted on the internet. If there are particular reasons why an individual should not be photographed, please discuss the issue with the organiser in advance of the event. Report any concerns about inappropriate photography to the event organiser.

When an event is held in an area where the landowner (military, school or council) places restrictions on photography for security or safeguarding reasons, the event organiser must instead state in the Final Details:

In order to obtain permission to use this area, BOK agreed that photography would not be permitted at this event. Please do not take photographs. You will not be allowed to begin the race if you are carrying image-recording equipment.

British Orienteering rules state that an organizer may prevent a competitor starting a race if they are wearing or carrying photographic equipment that is in contravention of the event requirements.

Appropriateness of images

Sporting photography should typically demonstrate competitors actively enjoying themselves. Photographs that include anxiety, injury, people changing, or taken in areas around toilet facilities may be deemed inappropriate or intrusive, especially if posted on public media. Particular care is needed when photographing juniors, as youngsters may very sensitive about their appearance and how they look on social media. There are rare circumstances where it is important that individuals maintain their privacy and they must not be photographed.

Official Photographers

- If an official photographer (professional or amateur) is to attend an event, this information should be included in the final details, ideally with information about where the photographs will be posted if this is not on the BOK website.
- If the photographer is not a Klub member, check the photographer's identity and the purpose/use of the images to be taken; issue the photographer with identification, which must be worn at all times.
- Provide the photographer with a clear brief about what is considered appropriate in terms of image content.
- Clarify issues about ownership of and access to all images, and for how long they will be retained and/or used.

Consent

Photographers - and organisers of an event where a professional or designated photographer will attend - should seek parents' consent to take and use close-up images of individual or small groups of juniors. Our regular BOK Klub photographers have already obtained such consent for most Klub juniors, but must be cautious when photographing at Schools events attended by families and children who may not be regular orienteers.

If the photograph of a junior is to be included in a newsletter or website posting, then their parents and the junior themselves should understand how, where, and in what context that image is going to be used.

When parental consent is not given

Organisers have a responsibility to put in place arrangements to ensure that official or professional photographers can identify anyone whose photograph should not be saved or posted on the Internet. This might involve providing the competitor with a recognisable running number, badge, sticker or wristband.

Publicity and Internet postings

Photographs of young participants enjoying themselves are good for the sport; parents and children usually welcome an opportunity to celebrate their achievements. However, it is good practice to avoid supplying the full name(s) of the child or children along with the image(s), unless this is considered necessary, is in the child's best interests, and the child and parent have both consented. The British Orienteering policy provides additional information regarding elite athletes who are more likely to receive widespread personal publicity.

Safeguarding

This photographic policy should be read in conjunction with the current BOK Safeguarding Policy. Should the behavior of any individual within the Klub give rise to concern, the matter should be reported to one of the Klub Safeguarding officers or the BOK Committee.