

BUCS EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

This policy is to ensure all photography undertaken at BUCS events is appropriate and safe, it applies to all spectators and members of the public attending BUCS events.

BUCS events fall under 3 categories:

1. Ticketed and have full access control
2. Are within a private building or space but not ticketed –limited or no access control
3. Public - occur within a public space e.g. a park or beach

Event types 1 and 2 are classed as private events and therefore a condition of entry notice is applicable and all those attending our events must follow our set procedures. This condition of entry will be within our relevant paperwork including but not limited too – our officials and volunteer information, spectator guides, webpages, ticketing platforms and printed onsite on the day of the event.

The condition of entry notice:

'BUCS reserves the right to prohibit photography equipment being used at a BUCS event. BUCS reserves the right to request that the individual ceases to take photographs, deletes any images and, if considered necessary, leaves the venue.'

For event type 3 – those that take in a public space –BUCS staff and officials will follow common law regarding what they are able to enforce.

The following statutory protections and legal considerations are relevant to this and can be used by BUCS staff at public BUCS events to mitigate the challenges posed by the public within public spaces and deter any unwanted photographers.

- **Protection from Harassment Act 1997**
 - Section 1 makes it an offence to pursue a course of conduct that amounts to harassment. Unwanted photography or filming causing distress may fall under this provision.
- **Public Order Act 1986**
 - Sections 4A and 5 criminalise causing harassment, alarm, or distress in a public place. Inappropriate photography may be addressed here.
- **Online Safety Act 2023**
 - This Act introduces measures to limit public photos and filming that invades privacy. Section 187 addresses sending explicit photos or films, while section 188 deals with sharing or threatening to share intimate content.
- **Children Act and Criminal Justice Act 1988 Section 166**
 - Specific laws on child protection can be invoked if inappropriate photography involves minors.
- **Event-specific policies**
 - Existing signage wording – 'During this event filming, photography and broadcasting may take place. By attending this event you grant permission to be included in pictures and/or on film, and their advertising, without compensation or credit'
 - Privacy Policy wording – 'By participating in any BUCS Event you grant BUCS the exclusive royalty-free perpetual right and licence throughout the world to interview and/or photograph and/or film you at the Event and use and sublicense the use of your name, likeness and image, signature, voice, video and film portrayals and other means of identification of you in all current and future media in connection with (a) all broadcast rights to the Event in whatever media; (b) BUCS' commercial programme

(including granting BUCS commercial partners the right to use your image); and (c) the marketing and promotion of the Event and of BUCS itself.

Staff procedure for dealing with this situation

- 1) Concern identified - if volunteer or official identifies concern they should report this to BUCS event lead in first instance
- 2) BUCS event lead pulls together CMT
- 3) Ensure facts are fully established and determine appropriate response
- 4) If necessary call the police