



## CONSENT FORM FOR THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Marske Volleyball Club recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people in sport. In accordance with our child protection policy we will not permit photographs, video or other images of young people to be taken without the consent of the parents/carers and children.

The club will follow the guidance for the use of photographs a copy of which is available overleaf. The club will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes they are intended. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform the club's Child Welfare Officer [Lesley Shepherd] immediately.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer of \_\_\_\_\_, consent to Marske Volleyball Club using appropriate photographs of volleyball activity on the club website at [www.marskevolleyball.co.uk](http://www.marskevolleyball.co.uk)

Name

Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, consent to Marske Volleyball Club using appropriate photographs of me participating in volleyball.

Signed

Date

***The following general advice has been issued by the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU).***

There have been concerns about the risk posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on sports websites. Photographs can be used as a means of identifying children when they are accompanied with personal information- this is X who likes music - this information can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to start to 'groom' that child for abuse. Secondly the content of the photo can be used or adapted for inappropriate use and there is evidence of this adapted material finding its way onto child pornography sites.

Sporting organisations and clubs need to develop a policy in relation to the use of images of athletes on their websites. The sport will need to make decisions about the type of images they consider suitable and that appropriately represent the sport. They will want to ensure that parents support this policy. When assessing the potential risks in the use of images of athletes, the most important factor is the potential of inappropriate use of images of children.

If sporting organisations are aware of the potential risks and take appropriate steps the potential for misuse of images can be reduced.

**The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) would advise sporting bodies to: -**

- Consider using models or illustrations if you are promoting an activity
- Avoid the use of the first name and surname of individuals in a photograph. This reduces the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people outside the sport.

**Easy rules to remember are: -**

- If the athlete is named, avoid using their photograph
- If a photograph is used, avoid naming the athlete
- Ask for permission to use an image of a young person. This ensures that parents are aware of the way the image of their child is representing the sport. A parental permission form is one way of achieving this.
- Ask for the athlete's permission to use their image. This ensures that they are aware of the way the image of themselves are to be used to represent the sport. An athletes permission form is one way of achieving this.
- Only use images of athletes in suitable dress to reduce the risk of inappropriate use. Age is also something that should be considered and this may affect what would be appropriate.
- Create a recognised procedure for reporting the use of inappropriate images to reduce the risks to athletes.