



Baptist Football Queensland



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Subject: Filming Of Minors at BFQ Sanctioned Matches

There is currently no laws prohibiting the taking of photographs or videoing of children and young people unless they are of pornographic or offensive content (s. 228A Criminal Code Act 1899), or if they identify children and young people subject to the Child Protection Act 1999, the Juvenile Justice Act 1992, The Family Law Act 1975, the Domestic and Family Violence Act 1989 or the Adoption of Children Act 1964.

At a National Level, the Standing Committee of the Attorney-General (SKAG) is currently reviewing this issue, and issues around the use and publication of such material. The findings of this review may result in legislative amendment.

This issue is most significant due to the number of young people (under the age of 18) who are involved in BFQ as both players and officials. However, this issue is significant to all players and officials, regardless of age.

The photographing/filming of any player, official or spectator who is engaged in a private act such as undressing is an offence under the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2005.

Any photography or filming should not cause harm. Harm is any physical, emotional, sexual or psychological abuse that could result from the photography/filming.

In the absence of legislation about this issue, BFQ endorses a best practice policy of obtaining informed consent. This is the recommended best practice policy from both the Commission for Children and Young People and the Australian Sports Commission.

BFQ has adopted the following policy in regards to the photographing/filming of sanctioned matches (in line with recommendations of the Commission for Children and Young People and the Australian Sports Commission).

- Informed consent must be obtained from players and officials prior to photos/footage being taken. Where informed consent cannot be given by the players and officials, it must be sought from the parent/guardian of the minor.
- The use of photographs or video footage to question or harass players, officials or spectators is prohibited.
- Any photographs or video footage cannot be used in any form of publication or public viewing without a signed form of release from those featured in the photos or video footage.
- The use of professional photographers is permitted, provided they have in place protections to ensure that any photos/footage taken is not available for general public viewing.