

British Taekwondo – Imagery, Photography & Filming Guidance (2026)

Guidance for Members, Parents & Clubs

1. Our Commitment

British Taekwondo is committed to keeping all children and adults at risk safe both on and off the mats. Photography and video are an important part of our sport—for coaching, celebrating success, and promoting taekwondo—but they must always be used responsibly.

This guidance helps ensure that all images used within taekwondo protect participants, respect personal privacy, and comply with modern safeguarding expectations and the law.

2. Why We Have Imagery Guidance

Technology has advanced quickly, and with it, the risks associated with the misuse of images. These risks include:

- Images being adapted, edited, AI-manipulated or misused online.
- Children or adults at risk being identified and contacted through images posted publicly.
- Individuals with safeguarding restrictions (e.g., court orders, limited contact arrangements) being unintentionally identifiable.
- Accidental exposure of children during unregulated live streams or background capture.

British Taekwondo wants our sport to be celebrated—but safely. These guidelines help protect our members while still allowing families and clubs to capture special taekwondo moments.

3. General Rules for All Members and Clubs

To safeguard everyone involved:

3.1 Consent

- You must have written, informed consent from a child and their parent/guardian before publishing any identifiable image of them.
- Consent must be clearly recorded and stored securely by the club.

3.2 What Can Be Published

- Only use first name and club alongside an image.
- Do **not** share personal details such as school, age, address, or location.
- Avoid including visible signage or backgrounds that reveal regular training locations.

3.3 Image Appropriateness

- Images must not be staged, provocative, or embarrassing.
- Images must not be digitally manipulated in a way that changes context or dignity.
- Do not use AI tools to enhance, edit, or alter images of children unless approved for safeguarding-safe use.

3.4 Individuals With Restrictions

Special care must be taken to ensure that no images are taken or published of anyone who:

- Is under a court order
- Has safeguarding restrictions
- Is being protected by local authorities
- Is involved in criminal proceedings

Where in doubt—**do not publish.**

4. Live Streaming & Video Content

- Live streaming must be carefully controlled and supervised.
- British Taekwondo recommends pre-recording and editing content before publishing whenever possible.
- Participants who opt out of being photographed or filmed must be respected, and any identifiable clips must not be published.

5. How to Reduce Risks When Posting Images

Members, parents and clubs can help by following these steps:

- Never share images with location tags or metadata.
- Use first names only.
- Make sure children are wearing appropriate kit and appear in natural, sport-related poses.
- Do not publish images that may be misunderstood or misinterpreted.
- Use a parental consent form for all image use.

If you see any image online that may put a child at risk, report it to the British Taekwondo Safeguarding Team immediately.

6. Photography at Taekwondo Events

6.1 Official Photography

At British Taekwondo-sanctioned events:

- Accredited photographers may take photos and video.
- Some events may be live streamed or recorded.
- Participants will be notified in advance as part of the event entry information.
- Anyone not wishing to be photographed must inform the event organiser.

British Taekwondo will ensure no opted-out participants appear in published materials.

6.2 Personal Photography

Members, parents, and spectators may take personal photographs *where appropriate*, but:

- All photography must be respectful and non-intrusive.
- If inappropriate behaviour is suspected, staff may:
 - Ask the person to stop
 - Request images to be deleted
 - Ask them to leave the venue

Concerns should be reported to event staff or the Welfare Officer immediately.

7. Using Video as a Coaching Tool

Video is a valuable coaching aid, but must be used safely:

- Explain clearly why footage is being taken.
- Obtain written consent from the player (where appropriate) and parent/guardian.
- Ensure two responsible adults are present during filming.
- Store footage securely, using encrypted or protected systems.
- Do not publish coaching footage without renewed consent.
- Delete footage when no longer required.

8. Reporting Concerns

If you see any inappropriate use of imagery in taekwondo:

Contact: British Taekwondo Safeguarding Team – safeguarding@britishtaekwondo.org

Or, if you find imagery of a child being used illegally online:

Report immediately to CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre)

<https://www.ceop.police.uk>