ESAA

English Schools' Athletic Association

Guidelines for the use of photographic and video images of children under the age of 18

ESAA is committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18. Essential to this commitment is to ensure we take appropriate steps to protect them from the inappropriate use of their images in resources and media publications on the internet and elsewhere.

Athletes, parents and carers will be informed that photographer(s) will be in attendance at our events. They will also be informed if television or live streaming is taking place. This may be through communication with county secretaries or school teachers. The 2026 Final is being live streamed by VINCO SPORT.

Official photographers/broadcasters will be made aware of those children/young people without consent for images to be taken.

Parents and carers and children must provide written consent for children's images to be taken and used. This may be as part of the entry process by county associations or schools, or explicitly requested by ESAA when athletes are representing the association.

Every effort will be taken to ensure Images taken convey the best principles and aspects of athletics fairness and fun, and are not sexual or exploitative in nature, nor open to obvious misinterpretation and use.

All images of children held by ESAA will be securely stored.

For images used on web-sites particular care must be taken to ensure that no identifying details facilitate contact with a child by a potential abuser and no personal contact details, (address, email address, telephone number) will be published.

Photographers will be issued with identification that must be worn at all times.

We will never allow unsupervised access to athletes or one to one photo session at events, or approve, photo sessions outside the event or at the athletes' home, without the express consent of the parents/carers.

ESAA 2026

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CUP FINAL

Ratcliffe College, Leicestershire

Saturday 5th December 2026

Finalists are required to provide the organisers with the names of any of their pupils for whom they do not have parental permission or for whom photography has been refused.

Please provide this information via the Microsoft Forms link below:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/GUxLt6pBj8

A NIL RETURN IS ALSO MANDATORY