

Who this document is for?

Anyone involved in table tennis in England – including clubs, leagues, coaches, officials, staff, volunteers, parents/carers, and members – particularly those who work with or support under-18s or vulnerable adults - and relates specifically to the creation and distribution of content (photo, live streams and video).

Aim

Table Tennis England (TTE) is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants. We understand the importance of promoting our sport and celebrating success through photography, live streaming and video. However, we must also protect the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults in our sport by managing how and when images or footage are captured, shared, and stored.

This policy outlines TTE's expectations and requirements around photography, video, live streaming, and the distribution of content during events, training, and other table tennis activities.

General principles

- The safety and dignity of all participants – especially children and vulnerable individuals – must always come first.
- Table Tennis England reserves the right to control how content is created, shared, and used at all its events and by its members.
- All photography, live streamed and video content must reflect the values of our sport, avoiding any imagery that could be misused, cause embarrassment, or create safeguarding concerns.
- Children under the age of 13 should not be live streamed.

Guidance for Photography and Filming

We ask that everyone – including spectators, family members, coaches and media – abides by the following:

Permitted:

- Photography and filming that celebrates table tennis in a safe and respectful way.
- Images focusing on table tennis action or participation that capture positive, appropriate moments.
- Use of club, league, or official press accounts for content shared publicly.
- Photographers capture images with the club/event organiser's approval and follow this policy.

Not permitted:

- Unauthorised photography, video, or live streaming at TTE-organised events – visit this link for more information [Live Streaming and Photographic Rights - Table Tennis England](#)
- Images that focus unnecessarily on one individual or capture anyone in distress, injury, or vulnerable situations.

- Use of images to criticise, mock, or harass individuals.
- Sharing photos or videos that contain identifiable personal information (e.g., names, schools, locations).

Guidance for Live Streaming

Live streaming is increasingly used to share matches, promote activity, and increase visibility – but it presents particular safeguarding risks. The following actions can help to mitigate the risks;

Before Streaming:

- Notify all participants, coaches, and spectators that the event will be streamed – ideally in advance and always by using signage around the venue
- Ensure the streaming platform and content are controlled by the event organisers.
- Assign a moderator or safeguarding contact to monitor the stream and flag inappropriate behaviour in real-time.

During the Streamed.

- Focus on match play and avoid filming players off-court without clear purpose.
- Respect requests from players or parents to exclude specific individuals from footage.

After Streaming:

- Ensure people know how to request the removal of footage.
- Do not distribute content to third parties without appropriate permission and usage clarity.

At events, the Tournament Organiser or Referee may challenge any person using cameras/videos/phones during the course of a competition. Anyone continuing to use photographic or streaming/filming equipment after being warned may be asked to leave the event and the matter reported to the TTE's Safeguarding Team as soon as possible to allow any further action, if needed, to be taken promptly.

Content distribution

The distribution of photography, live streamed content and video poses some of the highest safeguarding risks. TTE asks everyone involved in the sport to:

- Think before sharing – consider if the content is appropriate, respectful, and safe.
- Avoid uploading images or footage to public or unsecured platforms unless it's via official channels.
- Refrain from tagging or identifying under-18s without explicit consent.
- Do not share images or videos for personal or commercial gain unless approved by TTE.
- Report any concerns.

Consent and Safeguarding

- Consent should be collected through registration and entry forms for those taking part in table tennis.
- People should be able to 'opt out' of being photographed, live streamed or filmed during this process. If they do this, a process should be followed to ensure that they are not captured.

- TTE recommends this consent is obtained at the point of registration for an event or activity and ensures this for all their events.

Reporting concerns and Safeguarding Contacts

- It is the recommendation of TTE that Event Organisers should appoint one member to act as the safeguarding contact at their event. The name of this person should be shown on the Registration Desk during the event and;
 - Have completed a recognised safeguarding course.
 - Know how to report concerns to TTE and, if needed, external agencies (e.g., police, children's/adult services).
 - Not make judgments – only report concerns to the appropriate authorities

There is a facility on the TTE website to report a concern.

- If you witness inappropriate or unauthorised filming, live streaming or photography, or feel uncomfortable with the way content is being captured or shared:
 - Raise the concern immediately with the event organiser and/or safeguarding contact.
 - Report these directly to TTE's Safeguarding Team (contact below)

For further information please contact Table Tennis England's Safeguarding Team on:

Email: safeguarding@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Tel: 01908 208860 option 3

Additional Information:

[SafeTT Policy](#)

[SafeTT Guidelines](#)