**Consent Form**

**Use of Photographic and Video Images of Children/Young People Under the Age of 18**

**Policy Statement**

Tyne and Wear County Netball Association (TWCNA) is committed to providing a safe environment for children/young people under the age of 18 to participate in netball. Essential to this commitment is to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect children/young people from the inappropriate use of photographic images.

TWCNA have adopted the following good practice guidelines issued by England Netball:

**Publishing Images**

Through the use of a Consent Form, we will ask for the permission of young players and their parents/carers to take and use their image.

* If a player is named, we will avoid using their photograph.
* If a photograph is used, we will avoid naming the player.
* We will NEVER publish personal details (email addresses, telephone numbers, addresses etc) of a child/young person.
* We will only authorise the use of images of players in suitable dress (tracksuit, on-court clothing i.e. t-shirt/shorts/skirt, off-court clothing).

**Use of Photographic Filming Equipment at Netball Events**

TWCNA will:

* inform players and parents that a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they consent to both the taking and publication of films or photographs
* require parents, spectators and authorised photographers (e.g. press) to register at an event if they wish to use any photographic equipment including mobile phones with photographic technology
* issue an identification pass which must be worn and clearly visible at all times during the event
* not allow unsupervised access to players or one to one photo sessions at events
* not approve or allow photo sessions outside the events or at a player’s home
* act on the concerns of any players and parents regarding the inappropriate use of photographic equipment
* inform children/young people and their parents/carers if video equipment is to be used as a coaching aid
* ensure that any photographic images taken and used will be stored safely.