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To: All QRL Leagues, Associations and Clubs.

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REMINDER – Filming & Photography at Rugby League Activities

Queensland Rugby League (QRL) reminds all clubs, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators of their responsibilities when filming or photographing at rugby league activities, particularly where children and young people are involved.

Quick reminder for volunteers and families.

- ✓ If you're unsure whether filming is ok – don't film.
- ✓ No filming in private areas like change rooms, toilets and showers.
- ✓ Always respect children's privacy and comfort.
- ✓ Concerns about filming should be raised with a club official or reported via [Clubhouse incident reporting form](#).

This memo should be read in conjunction with the [Community Rugby League Photography/Videography Consent Form](#), which documents parent/guardian consent and helps ensure images of children are captured and used safely, respectfully and for approved purposes

Purpose of the Image Consent Form.

The form exists to:

- Record informed parent/guardian consent for photographing or filming players under 18.
- Clearly set how, where and by whom images or footage may be captured and used.
- Help ensure images are used safely, respectfully and in line with child-safeguarding obligations.

Completion of this form doesn't override legal restrictions on filming or photography, nor does it permit the capture or use of the images that are inappropriate, unsafe or inconsistent with QRL policies.

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What the Law means for Clubs and Families

The short version: filming and photography are generally allowed at community rugby league activities – but only within clear limits.

Do not film or photograph:

- In private areas (change rooms, toilets or showers).
- Children where they would reasonably expect privacy, or in any way that is indecent or inappropriate.
- In a way that harasses, intimidates or disrupts players, officials or volunteers.
- For commercial or promotional use without consent.
- Or share images online if a child can be easily identified without approval.

Clubs and venue managers can set or enforce rules about filming, even at publicly accessible grounds.

If you're unsure, don't film. Raise the concern with a club official or report it through QRL's incident reporting process via Clubhouse.

Using the consent form helps clubs show they are acting responsibly and putting child safety first.

Keeping Children Safe Through Filming Practices

Everyone involved in rugby league has a role to play in creating a safe, positive environment for children and young people.

Good filming practices support child safety by:

- Respecting children's privacy, dignity and comfort at all times.
- Making sure parents and carers understand how images may be used and can say yes or no.
- Taking extra care to ensure all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, feel safe, respected and included.
- Acting early if something doesn't feel right, rather than waiting for a problem to escalate.

What is generally allowed?

Filming or photographing matches and activities in open, public areas (such as playing fields) is generally okay. Parents and carers may also record their own child's participation for personal use, provided it is done respectfully and does not disrupt others.

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Club and Venue Responsibilities

- Many rugby league grounds are private or semi-private venues. Clubs and venue managers can set rules about filming and photography.
- Club officials and volunteers are expected to apply these rules fairly and consistently.
- Any concerns about filming behaviour should be addressed early and, where needed, escalated through club or QRL processes.

Good practice expectations

- Use the Community Rugby League Photography/Videography Consent Form whenever images may be shared beyond personal use.
- Respect parent or guardian decisions about consent.
- Listen to children – if a child is uncomfortable with being filmed, that should be taken seriously.
- Speak up and act promptly if something doesn't feel right.

Further information

- [Sport Integrity Australia](#)
- [Queensland Family & Child Commission \(QFCC\)](#)
- [NRL Member Protection Policy](#)
- [NRL Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)

Yours Sincerely,

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