

EASTER CLASSIC - Photography at Basketball

The Easter Classics tournament committee has adopted the following policy for the Easter Classics tournament. The policy is modelled on the VJBL policy and is outlined below and any queries should be directed to the committee. Please make yourself and your teams (parents) familiar with this policy.

The policy recognises that there are legitimate reasons for still and video photography to take place at sporting events such as the Easter Classics and that this should not be unnecessarily restricted or curbed.

The growth of technology in this area has meant that it is more widely accessible and used in everyday life. In basketball, as in other sports, video especially is widely used to assist coaches review their team's games and trainings to assist their training program and the development of their players.

Videoring may also be used to scout another team that they will be playing later in this tournament for example. Videos can also assist in referee training.

Parents also like to have photographic or video records/memories of their children playing the game.

However it is important that reasonable steps are taken to ascertain that photographic depiction of basketball activities is being used for legitimate and harmless purposes and is being taken by people associated with the participating teams (coaches, team officials, parents of children participating in the tournament) or tournament committee.

Accordingly, the following policy will apply for the Easter Classics tournament:

- parents and close relatives will usually be allowed to take photographs and video tape games provided the parent or relative is known to the team/s participating.
- As a courtesy, the coach or manager of the opposition team should also be notified of the intention to photograph or video the game.
- Coaches who wish to video their own team's games for training purposes will also normally be allowed to do so. Again, the opposition should be informed. Parents of the coach's own team should be advised by the coach if it is intended to regularly video games and the reason for it.
- Some coaches desire to scout teams that they will be playing in the future and a convenient way of doing this is to video the game. If this is to occur then both teams should be advised in advance. However, this will usually be allowed.
- Should any person take objection to the photographing or videoring, they should be asked the reason why they object. It should be explained to them that normal policy in these circumstances is that the photography or videoring should be allowed. However, if the person objecting has a legitimate and strong reason why the objection is made, then a bar should be placed on the photography or videoring. A strong reason may be that the child concerned is the subject of contested custody proceedings or has been the subject of violence or threats and publication of a video or photograph may compromise the safety of the child.
- Significant issue of concern that cannot be resolved between the parties involved should be referred to the Tournament Committee for resolution
- Common sense should be exercised in this matter, bearing in mind the above policy.