



## Guidance: Photography

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The British Shuai Jiao Union (BSJU) understand the photography is a popular way to capture memorable moments during sports activities and events. However, it is important to ensure that photography is conducted safely, respects privacy, and follows ethical guidelines.

The BSJU believe that by following these safe photography guidelines, you can enjoy capturing memorable moments during sports activities and events while respecting the privacy and dignity of participants and spectators.

The BSJU have set out some guidelines for photography at Shuai Jiao (Chinese Wrestling) activities and events:

### 1. Permission and Consent

**Consent:** Always obtain consent from individuals before taking their photographs, especially if they are the main subject of the image. This applies to both participants and spectators.

**Minors:** When photographing minors, obtain consent from their parents or legal guardians. Ensure you have the necessary permissions to photograph children.

### 2. Respect Privacy

**Private Spaces:** Avoid taking photographs in private or restricted areas where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as changing rooms or restroom facilities.

**Sensitivity:** Be sensitive to cultural and personal boundaries. Avoid photographing individuals who may be uncomfortable with their images being captured.

### 3. Safety Considerations

**Stay Safe:** Pay attention to your surroundings and prioritise safety. Do not compromise your safety to capture a photograph, especially in high-risk areas or during fast-paced sports events.

**Stay Out of the Way:** Do not obstruct participants or spectators while taking photographs. Stay within designated areas for photographers when available.

**Use Appropriate Gear:** Use equipment that is suitable for the event and does not pose a hazard to yourself or others. Avoid large tripods or equipment that can obstruct walkways or seating.

#### **4. Respect Event Rules and Regulations**

**Follow Event Rules:** Familiarize yourself with any specific rules or guidelines provided by the event organizers regarding photography. Respect their instructions and restrictions.

#### **5. Professionalism**

**Ethical Behaviour:** Conduct yourself ethically and professionally. Avoid intrusive or invasive photography practices. Do not harass or disturb participants or spectators.

**Do Not Alter Images:** Do not alter or manipulate photographs in a way that misrepresents the event, participants, or outcomes.

#### **6. Commercial Use**

**Commercial Photography:** If you intend to use event photographs for commercial purposes, such as selling them or using them in advertisements, ensure you have the necessary permissions and licenses.

#### **7. Photo Storage and Sharing**

**Secure Storage:** Safeguard your photographs and ensure they are stored securely to prevent unauthorised access or distribution.

**Photo Sharing:** If you plan to share event photographs online, consider using platforms with privacy settings that allow you to control who can view and download your photos.

#### **8. Photo Attribution**

**Credit Sources:** If you use photographs taken by others, ensure you provide appropriate credit and attribution to the photographers.

#### **9. Event-Specific Guidelines**

**Check for Special Guidelines:** Some sports events or venues may have specific photography guidelines or rules. Be aware of any unique requirements.

#### **10. Be Mindful of Lighting**

**Lighting Conditions:** Consider the lighting conditions of the venue and the time of day. Adjust your camera settings accordingly to capture high-quality images.

## **11. Capture the Spirit**

Capture the Essence: Aim to capture the spirit and excitement of the sports event or activity. Focus on candid moments and the emotions of participants and spectators.

## **12. Be Respectful**

Respectful Photography: Use good judgment and avoid taking photographs that may be embarrassing or unflattering to individuals.