

1. PURPOSE

This policy sets out the rules for taking, storing, and sharing photographs and videos of members during Lithuanian Scouts activities. It applies to all leaders, adult volunteers, and attending parents and is designed to protect the privacy, dignity, and safety of all members — particularly children.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Adults in Scouting including leaders, volunteers, committee members, and attending parents. It covers all photography and video taken at any Lithuanian Scouts activity, camp, event, or meeting, whether taken on personal devices or organisational equipment.

3. CONSENT

Before any photograph or video of a child is taken, the parent or guardian must have provided consent. Consent is collected as part of the camp registration form. Leaders are responsible for being aware of which participants have and have not provided consent before taking any images.

- If a parent or guardian has not provided photo consent, no images of their child are to be taken under any circumstances
- Photo consent is collected as part of the annual registration form. Leaders should ensure consent records are current before each camp season
- A parent or guardian may withdraw consent at any time by notifying a leader in writing

Important

If you are unsure whether a child's parent has provided photo consent, do not take the photo. Check with the camp leader first.

4. RULES FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO

4.1 All Adults in Scouting

- Images must never be taken in areas where children have a reasonable expectation of privacy — including change rooms, bathrooms, shower areas, or sleeping quarters
- Images should be appropriate and respectful at all times — nothing that could cause embarrassment or distress to the child or their family

4.2 Attending Parents

Parents are welcome to photograph camp activities. However, images that include children other than their own must not be shared publicly or on social media without the knowledge of the child's parents or the group leader.

5. RULES FOR STORING IMAGES

- Images of children taken for organisational purposes should be stored securely and accessed only by authorised leaders
- Images of children taken during Scout activities must not be used for any purpose other than Scout-related communication and must not be distributed outside the organisation without consent.

- Leaders must not retain personal collections of images of children from Scouting activities

6. RULES FOR SHARING IMAGES

- Images may only be shared in ways that the parent or guardian has explicitly consented to — for example if consent was given for use in Scout newsletters or the organisation's social media, images may be used for those purposes only
- Images must not be posted to personal social media accounts without explicit consent from the child's parent or guardian
- Images shared in community messaging groups should be treated with the same respect as public sharing — if in doubt about whether a parent would be comfortable with their child's image being shared, check first.
- Images must never be shared in any context that could identify a child's location, home address, or daily routine
- If sharing an image publicly, the full name of the child must not appear alongside the image

7. MEDIA AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

If a journalist, photographer, or external organisation wishes to take photographs or video at a Lithuanian Scouts event, they must first seek permission from the camp or group leader. The leader must be satisfied that appropriate consent from parents has been obtained before any images of children are taken by external parties.

8. BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

Any breach of this policy will be treated seriously and dealt with in accordance with the Adult Conduct and Complaints Policy. Serious breaches — particularly those involving inappropriate images of children — will be referred to the relevant authorities without delay.

Any adult who becomes aware of a potential breach of this policy must report it immediately to the camp or group leader.