

TIPS FOR PHOTO DAY FOR AUSKICK

As requested, here are a few Photo Day tips for Auskick groups where there are a LOT of children or if the manager does not know all the boys in their team.

1) Give yourself time.

Arrange your team or group to meet at least 15 minutes BEFORE your scheduled photo time, especially for the young Auskickers where you have 50 or more children to organise! If you're late for your time slot it impacts all the groups who follow you and makes for grumpy people all around .. something we want to avoid at all costs!

2) Get 2 or 3 other parents to help

Especially when you have a lot of kids to organise, get 2 or 3 other parents to help. It makes life so much easier and you will find most parents are very happy to help.

3) Sort children into a line of tallest to shortest.

This only has to be a rough guide but it will help the photographer when you walk over to the photo spot in line. Each photo can take around 20-25 children as a guide.

4) I don't know all of the children in my group - so what is the easiest way to give the photographer all my team's name details?

As each team photo will have the children's names printed on the bottom you will need to provide the photographer all the names of your players IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE PROOF PHOTO which he snaps quickly at the start and then gives you. (you can also take a snap on you smartphone as well if that helps).

The easiest way I have found to do this is:

* when you are lining up your children hand each one a piece of paper with a number on it. (if you have 50 kids, number your pieces of paper 1 to 50). The numbers can be given out in random order as they are only needed as a reference point later on.

* Get the child's parent (or the child depending on their age) to write their name on the bottom of the piece of paper as they would like to see it printed on the photo. This will give you the correct spelling and if they prefer Ben to Benjamin or Tom to Thomas for example.

* When the proof shot is taken, get each child to hold that piece of paper UNDER THEIR CHIN so you can still see their face as a backup!



* Have a parent standing at the end of each row of kids and get them to collect the pieces of paper straight after the proof shot is taken and bring those pieces of paper over to you.

This way when you look at the proof photo you will see for example Back Row left to right are numbers 1, 5, 8, 20, 11, 6 and 2.

Then you can cross check with your pieces of paper and confirm that Player 1 is Tom Smith, Player 5 is Bob Jones, Player 8 is Sam Piper etc etc.

Of course if you know all of the children from sight this job will be easy, but the above method certainly helps if you do not.

You will be given a form from the photographer which will ask you to handwrite all of your players names with correct spelling. This will make the whole process much less stressful.

So in short as a team manager .. a reminder of those few points to make the day as stress free as possible!

* Bring lots of scrap paper already numbered. (If you have 50 children - 50 pieces of paper etc) I use printer paper and divide each page into 2 which is big enough to be easily seen in the proof shot. (see attached photo)



* Bring lots of pens (texta or marker pen is best so the numbers stand out - biro is fine for the names) so you can hand to parents to write their child's name on the pieces of paper.

* Get 2 or 3 parents to help.

* If you have a big group - give yourself enough time to meet, get organised and walk over to the photo area ON TIME with big smiley faces .. organised groups mean happy photographer. Something we all like (especially if we are the last group of the day!)

Hopefully this helps.

Happy snapping!