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Meath GAA Video Permit Policy 2025

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1. Introduction

Meath GAA has established this Video Permit Policy to regulate the recording of official games under its jurisdiction. This policy ensures compliance with GAA guidelines and maintains the integrity of video usage within the association.

The issue of this permit is subject to GAA policies and guidance. The policy and guidance at the time of the issue of this permit is referred to or set out below. However, for the avoidance of doubt, any updated or revised policies and guidance that issue post the grant of this permit will apply.

2. Permit Requirements

- (a) Any club seeking to record games in which they participate must obtain a Video Permit from Meath GAA.
- (b) The permit will grant permission to the GAA Club to video all games in which they participate at the adult level. For the avoidance of doubt this is all Challenge Games, Championships, Cups, Leagues, or Tournaments in 2025 at the adult level.
- (c) Also, the permit will grant permission to the GAA Club to video all games in which they participate at the U-21, U-19, and the underage level subject to written permission given by the opposition team. For avoidance of doubt this is all Challenge Games, Championships, Cups, Leagues, or Tournaments in 2025 at from U-13 to U-21.
- (d) The permit is granted strictly for analysis purposes only.
- (e) A special request is made in email to administrator2.meath@gaa.ie if clubs wish to record videos for commercial purposes such as finals etc.

(f) An unedited copy of all recorded footage must be made available to Meath GAA upon request.

(g) Video recordings of Adult Club Championship games involving a first team must be shared with Meath GAA via Microsoft OneDrive at administrator2.meath@gaa.ie.

(h) Meath GAA reserves the right to use all footage for promotional purposes.

3. Compliance with Venue Guidelines

(a) The location of video recording equipment must be directed by the Host Club Executive Committee on the match day.

(b) Clubs must ensure that their videographers do not obstruct or endanger spectators, officials, or team management.

4. Responsibilities of Permit Holders

(a) The permit holder (videographer) and the club secretary or chairperson responsible for adherence to game regulations must present the permit in either printed or digital format at match venues.

(b) Any breach of this policy may result in penalties as outlined by Meath GAA.

5. Enforcement and Penalties

(a) Meath GAA reserves the right to revoke any permit if a club or videographer fails to comply with this policy.

(b) Failure to follow this policy and/or unauthorised recording or distribution of match footage may result in disciplinary action such as warnings, fines, the withdrawal of sideline privileges for team/club officials, and suspension of individuals as considered appropriate as per the GAA Official Guide Part 1 – Rule 7.2 (e).

(e) Misconduct Considered to have Discredited the Association

This shall include breaches of Rule 1.10 Official Guide Part 1.

Penalties:

Member - A minimum 8 weeks suspension. Debarment and Expulsion from the Association may also be considered.

Team/Unit - Where suspension is deemed appropriate - a minimum of 8 weeks.

Expulsion from the Association, Disqualification, a Fine, Deduction of Points in League Competitions (not Championship) may also be considered.

Appendix 1: GAA Streaming Policy 2024

For additional regulations and guidance on the streaming and video recording of games, please refer to the official GAA Streaming Policy 2024 available at the following link:

<https://learning.gaa.ie/sites/default/files/2024-04/GAA%20Streaming%20Policy%202024.pdf>

Appendix 2: Veo Sports Camera - Club Usage - Requirements

(a) A blank risk assessment form is required and is available here:

<https://meath.gaa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Blank-Risk-Assessment-Use-of-Video-Cameras-at-Meath-GAA-Games-Version-1-13-02-25.pdf>

(b) Permission from the host club is required. The travelling team must discuss with the host club if the item can be safely accommodated at their grounds.

(c) Clubs using the camera must update their Health & Safety statement to include risk assessments for the item whilst in use. The insurance policy covers the club's legal liability, and the club owes legal duties of care to persons who enter their grounds. If an unexpected item is placed on the playing field, a risk assessment must be completed, and all reasonable care taken to minimise the risk of incident or injury.

(d) Veo cameras are **not** to be used for underage games or underage county development squads/teams training, games. (U-17 and Younger Age Grades)

(e) For the avoidance of any doubt, Veo Cameras cannot be used if there are any individuals on the team aged 18 or under in any U-19, U-21, or adult games.

2. Placement and Safety Requirements:

(a) The risk engineer advises that the camera requires minimal human intervention. Once fitted to the tripod, it is turned on and connected to the phone app. The tripod is then extended to the required height.

(b) If left in position and unmanned, it must be sited as close to the perimeter fencing as possible and at least 3m from the side/end line. The club must ensure the ground is even and that the placement does not create a tripping hazard or pose a risk of impact from players.

(c) If placed in a stand or on a raised bank, a risk assessment must be completed to minimise tripping hazards and ensure even ground.

3. Tripod Stability:

- Two types of tripods are available: a **3.8m high tripod** and a **7.3m high tripod**.
- The **7.3m tripod** is at risk of falling over in moderate winds and must be secured. Stabilising ropes from the supplier should be used, secured to the ground with pegs where possible. Small sandbags may also be used to reduce the risk of toppling.
- DIY stabilisation methods should **not** be used; only supplier-approved stabilising ropes.
- The stabilising rope and sandbags should be brightly coloured to reduce the risk of tripping hazards.
- The **7.3m tripod must be manned at all times when in use** and roping off the surrounding area is advised. Clubs must coordinate with the host club for safe usage at away matches.

Clubs must ensure compliance with these safety and legal requirements when using Veo cameras to record games.
