

USPA Match Filming Policy

Purpose:

- To establish clear guidelines for filming USPA events, protecting players' privacy, promoting fair play, respecting the integrity of the sport, and enabling positive use of footage for player development.
- This policy applies to all play in all USPA tournaments and US National Team events, and extends to players, spectators, club employees, and third-party videographers.

Policy Guidelines

1. Consent for Filming:

- **Prior Approval:** Before filming any match (full or partial), the individual or entity intending to film must obtain explicit consent from:
 - All participating players in the match.
 - The hosting club or tournament organizers.
- **Method:** Consent should be obtained using a standard USPA consent form (see Appendix A), which includes clear explanations about intended footage usage.

2. Restrictions on Footage Usage:

- **Primary Purposes:** Filmed material is primarily intended for:
 - Personal review by consenting players to analyze their performance and improve their game.
 - Instructional or training use with coaches, subject to players' consent.
- **Prohibited Uses:**
 - Self-officiating, or challenging umpire decisions during or after a match. The USPA has established protocols for reviews and appeals.
 - Publicly criticizing or disparaging players, umpires, or USPA officials.
 - Any commercial purposes (e.g., selling, licensing, advertising) without additional written consent from the USPA and all relevant parties.

3. Sharing or Distribution of Footage:

- **Player Consent:** Players MUST obtain written consent from ALL other players featured in the footage before sharing or distributing it in any way (online, social media, with coaches, or any third party).
- **Sensitive Content:** Any distribution of footage that might be considered embarrassing, defamatory, or harmful to a player's reputation is strictly prohibited.

- **Respect:** Players sharing footage should exercise common courtesy and avoid any distribution that could cause personal or professional distress to another player.

Additional Considerations:

- **Tournament Organizers:**
 - May establish specific filming guidelines, designated filming areas, or require videographers to sign consent forms as part of their event regulations. Participants must abide by these regulations in addition to this USPA policy.
- **Official Videographers:** The USPA or tournament organizers may contract official videographers for promotional or training purposes. Separate guidelines for official footage usage will apply.
- **Filming of Minors:** Strict adherence to relevant laws, regulations, and child safeguarding protocols must be followed when filming matches involving minors. Parental or guardian consent is essential.
- **Live Streaming:** Any live streaming of USPA matches must be approved by the USPA and abide by separate policies addressing broadcasting rights and player privacy.

Enforcement

- The USPA takes violations of this policy seriously. Disciplinary actions may include:
 - Warnings
 - Fines
 - Suspension from USPA events
 - Referral to legal authorities where necessary.

Policy Review

- The USPA will regularly review and update this policy to ensure clarity, align with evolving technology, and protect the best interests of the sport, its members, and officials.

Responsibilities

- **Players:** It is the responsibility of the players to be aware of this policy, obtain necessary consent before filming, and use and share match footage in accordance with the guidelines.
- **Hosting Clubs and Tournament Organizers:** It is the responsibility of clubs and organizers to abide by this policy and ensure its enforcement.
- **USPA:** The USPA is responsible for maintaining, updating, and enforcing this policy to protect the best interests of the sport and its members.

Contact Information:

For any questions or further clarifications about the Match Filming Policy, please reach out to the USPA at info@padelusa.org. We are here to assist you and ensure that your experience at our events is both enjoyable and compliant with our ethical standards.

USPA Match Filming Consent Form

Event Name:

Date:

Location:

Person seeking to film:

- Name:

Purpose of Filming: [Choose all that apply]

- ☐ Personal review for training and development
- ☐ Instructional use by a coach (with player consent)
- ☐ Other (Please specify): _____

Footage Use and Sharing:

- I understand the footage is for the primary purposes outlined above.
- I agree not to use the footage for self-officiating, public criticism of others, or commercial use.
- I will obtain written consent from **ALL** featured players before sharing the footage in any way (online, social media, with coaches, etc.)

Player Acknowledgements:

- We, the players listed above, give consent for the individual named to film the designated match and understand the guidelines for responsible footage usage as outlined in the USPA Match Filming Policy.

Consent to be Filmed:

By signing below, I, the undersigned participant, grant permission to be filmed during the specified USPA event, under the conditions stated by the filmer. I understand my rights and the intended use of the footage as explained by the filmer.

Names and Signatures

- Player 1:
- Player 2:
- Player 3:

- Player 4:
- Club Official:

Additional Notes: