

Policy Regarding Copyright And Model Releases

VCC is bound by provincial and federal legislation to honour copyright and privacy issues. Unfortunately, this means that we must take appropriate steps to ensure that members who submit images and text ensure that they have the appropriate permission to use the material.

Close-Up: For text and accompanying images this means that the person submitting is the author of the text and maker of the images and assigns to VCC (simply by submitting the material) the right to print and publish the material in print and electronically in Close-Up and on the website. The author retains all other rights. Quoting of other material is acceptable provided it is clearly identified, and attributed, and falls within the guidelines for such quotes.

Close-Up, Competitions, Slide Shows and Web Galleries:

- For images presented solely to members at club meetings and not published in Close-Up or the website it is assumed that all images are the members own work therefore model releases are not required and that the maker consents to their use simply by submitting the image.
- For all other images which may be published or presented outside of club meetings in Close-Up, on the website or in any other material, then copyright and model releases may be required. This includes but is not limited to winning (first, second, third and honourable mention) competition images. If the maker of such images is not able to provide assurance that they have appropriate releases, then the images may not be published.
 - Model releases are required when a person is clearly identifiable and not "incidental" to the image.
 - All images of minors, other than the makers own children, must have model releases (permission to use images of your own children is implicit in submitting such images)
 - All images including nudity (full or partial) must have model releases
 - Images made in any private place where privacy would normally be expected must have a model release.
 - Except that images made in any public place where privacy would not normally be expected may not need a model release unless there are specific circumstances which show the identifiable person(s) in such a manner as to potentially cause embarrassment, disrepute, or in any other negative manner.

Members submitting images or text give permission to the Victoria Camera Club to use such material and may be required to confirm in writing (by e-mail) that they have the appropriate releases.

By submitting text, or an image, members agree to hold and save harmless the Victoria Camera Club and its directors from any legal action relating to the publication of such material.

This policy is not, and is not to be construed as, the provision of legal advice. Any member requiring additional information on copyright or model releases is advised to contact a lawyer experienced in such issues and BC law.

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