

# Social Media Policy

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Social media (including personal and professional websites, blogs, chat rooms and bulletin boards; social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram; video-sharing sites such as YouTube) are a common means of communication and self-expression.

It is essential that volunteers, members, and players make informed decisions about how they use the internet, mobile phone, and email communications to protect our Club and our people.

Everyone involved in our Club has the responsibility to safeguard both on and off the Green, including communications.

## **It is the responsibility of all members to: -**

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players, or officials and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
2. Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person`s race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age sexual orientation, veteran status, marital status, religion, or any other status protected by law.
3. Clubs should identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos, or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.
4. The club will be responsible for reviewing responses to online posts and resolving any concerns before they are posted.
5. If a blogger or any other online participant posts an inaccurate, or negative comment about your Club or anyone associated with the Club, do not reply but seek advice from your National Governing Body or Sport England.