

# South West Regional Soccer Association

## *Social Media Guidelines*

*South West Regional Soccer Association understands that with global networking easily accessible via Social Network tools such as Facebook, Twitter and You Tube etc, we have a responsibility to our Membership to create a guideline of what is acceptable Social Media use.*

*It must be highlighted that SWRSA believes that any networking used in a positive way can only enhance the game which we all love. The points below are designed to avoid the pitfalls which can occur when personal comments are made viral.*



The South West Regional Soccer Association Membership encompasses Players, Referees, Team Officials, Administrators, Clubs and Leagues. Our membership represents SWRSA and our soccer community. We require our membership to exercise good judgement in its use of Social Media websites. It is important to conduct yourself in a responsible and respectful manner.

- Members are not permitted to post information, photos, or other representations of sexual content, inappropriate behaviour (e.g., drug or alcohol use), or items that could be interpreted as demeaning or inflammatory.
- Members are not permitted to post any racial, sexist, homophobic, anti-religious or any other comments of that nature to members or non-members.
- Members are not permitted to post any comments that could be deemed derogatory about other players, team officials, teams, clubs or referees.
- Members are not permitted to comment on injuries, officiating, or team matters that could reasonably be expected to be confidential to team members.
- Members are not permitted to post any threats of violence or harassment.
- Members must always follow the guidelines established by the Social Media website being used.

### Best Practices and Reminders

- Always think twice before posting. If you wouldn't want your parents, friends, coaches etc to read what you have posted then DON'T.
- Always be respectful, responsible and positive.
- Always remember the audience that will have access to your posts. Parents, friends, strangers, current / prospective employers etc.
- Always remember that every time you post, it is PERMANENT. Even if something is deleted it remains on the internet somewhere.

These Guidelines should be used in conjunction with OSA and Club guidelines where stated. Temporary or permanent suspension from the team / club may occur.

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