



GROVE CHALLENGERS FC SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

Purpose

Grove Challengers Football Club (hereafter, the 'Club') uses Facebook (and potentially other social networking platforms) as a way of communicating Club related information easily and accessibly to the members and stakeholders of the Club.

This Social Networking Policy defines how the Club and its members must use any and all social networking platforms associated with the Club.

This Social Networking Policy has been created to safeguard the children and young people involved with the Club and to ensure the Club abides by the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association.

Using the Club's social networking pages

All users must have a direct interest in the Club e.g. named Club members, parents and carers, former players or former members. Those individuals wishing to be members of the Club's social networking pages are required to provide their profile details on their annual membership form.

The Club's social networking pages should only be used for Club related football matters e.g. fixtures, cancellations, team selections.

Personal communications, 'banter' or personal comments should not be posted on the Club's social networking pages.

Users should report any posts that they deem inappropriate or offensive.

Users should not post any photographs of children/players without written parental consent of all the children within the photographs.

Users can 'link' to external pages and articles associated with the Club e.g. local newspaper articles.

The Club does not consider social networking as a primary means of communicating with players.

Administering the Club's social networking pages

The Club will appoint an Administrator to ensure that the Club's social networking pages are being used appropriately.

The Administrator is required to ensure the privacy settings are locked so that that the pages are used explicitly for Club related matters and to ensure that the pages are not used as a place to meet, share personal details or have private conversations.

All new members of the Club's social networking pages must be approved by the Administrator before accessing the page.

The Administrator has the authority to remove access for anyone using the Club's Social Networking pages inappropriately.

The Club's Chief Welfare Officer will be informed of any inappropriate material on the Club's social networking pages; a record of any inappropriate, threatening or offensive material will be kept.

Written parent/carer permission must be provided to the Club before access to the Club's social networking pages is given to U18s.

Additional Information

The Club will provide contact information for the Administrators responsible for monitoring the content of the social networking pages on the Club's main website.

The Club will ensure 'The FAs best practice guidance on using social networking sites' is available to all users on the Club's main website.

The Club will make its Social Networking Policy available on all of its social networking platforms and the Club's main website.