



## Maidstone Football Club: Social Policy

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

It's 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 field/pitch/court, including communications.

It is the responsibility of all members to: -

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players, or referees 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.

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