



# SPSC Social Media Policy

## Think Before You Post

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All players, members and officials of the Sydenham Park Soccer Club (SPSC), along with the members of the executive, and those performing in a representative role (playing, coaching, or managing) with the association are expected to abide by the following policy.

### **Our Commitment**

Using the internet and electronic communication is essential for communicating with clubs, members<sup>1</sup> and the general public. We are committed to communication being appropriate and related to relevant business.

### **What We Will Do**

When using technology we will ensure that /volunteers/committee personnel' privacy is protected, clear boundaries are maintained and bullying and harassment does not occur.

### **Website, SMS, Emails, Facebook / Twitter / Instagram**

Information on competitions, social events, committees, policies, constitution, rules and by-laws will be placed on our website.

- No offensive content or photos (\*) will be uploaded to our website, especially about social activities and events.
- The Website administrator will provide accountability and control over what goes onto our website and monitor Facebook and other social media pages.
- May be used to communicate business and sanctioned events and or promotions.
- Text communication should be short and about relevant matters
- No statements will be made that are misleading, false or likely to injure the reputation of another person or club.
- No statements will be made that might bring our sport into disrepute.

### **What We Ask Members to Do**

All members are expected to use the internet and electronic communication appropriately, so think about what you want to say before you write it.

Remember, an Email, Facebook or Twitter (and any other form of electronic written media) is a written record of your thoughts on a matter and can be used against you later. Communication (including photos and video):

- Must not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully any member or the club
- Must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of members and the club
- Should seek to protect the privacy of members
- Must not bring the sport, member or club into disrepute

### **Non-Compliance**

Any member found to have sent inappropriate electronic communication, uploaded inappropriate website content or engaged in blogs or discussions that harass, offend, intimidate or humiliate another member or club, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our rules and by-laws.

Cyber bullying (eg, bullying that is carried out through an internet service such as email, a chat room, discussion group, instant messaging or web pages) under certain circumstances is a criminal offence that can be reported by victims to the police.

The Member or Club can also initiate separate action where there has been a breach of this Policy.

Members publishing false or misleading comments about another person in the public domain (eg Facebook or websites) may be liable for defamation.

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