

# Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club



## Internet, Communication and Social Media Policy

All club officers, members, appointed volunteers and guests of this club will:-

- Take responsibility for their own use of the internet and social media, making sure they use these channels and resources safely, responsibly and legally, especially within the context of young people at Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club.
- Not use communication devices or services, including interactive services such as social media or networking, for inappropriate behaviour online or compromise the safety of young people at Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club. For the avoidance of doubt this includes bullying or harassment in any form, defamation, obscene or abusive language and the uploading of material which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, illegal, shows nudity or violence.
- Report any known misuses of communication and / or interactive technologies within the context of young people at Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club, including unacceptable behaviour, inappropriate contact with children online and illegal content, including sexual abuse/indecent images of children and / or adults, according to the relevant club and ECB safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Need to be aware that any report of the misuse of communication and / or interactive technologies within the context of young people at Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club will be investigated according to the club's policy and procedures and may result in sanctions being enforced. Depending upon the seriousness of any incident, legal action may be taken and where suspected criminal activity has taken place a report will be made to the police.

In addition, and in respect of young people at Brailsford & Ednaston Cricket Club, officers and appointed volunteers will: -

- Take responsibility for their personal and professional reputation in the online environment, making sure they follow e-safety advice, adhere to privacy and

safety settings and report any concerns in accordance with club and ECB policies and procedures.

- NOT ask for email addresses, mobile phone numbers or social networking profiles of young people (less than 18 years of age) or search for young people on social networking services/search engines without prior consent of parents in line with the club's existing policy on the use of information including emergency situations.
- NOT develop an online relationship with any young people with the intention of meeting them offline to engage in sexual activity. Sexual exploitation, including grooming a child under the age of 16 for the purpose of meeting to engage in sexual activity, is a serious criminal offence.
- NOT view, possess, make or distribute sexual abuse/indecent images of young people (less than 18 years of age). This is a serious criminal offence.

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