



HARWELL & HENDRED YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Harwell & Hendred Football Club (hereafter, the 'Club') uses Facebook (and potentially other social networking platforms) in a safe and appropriate manner to communicate Club related information easily and accessibly to the members of the Club.

Furthermore, safeguarding the children and young people involved with the Club and to ensure the Club abides by the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association. This Social Networking Policy defines how the Club and its members must use any and all social networking platforms associated with the Club.

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. The Club's social networking pages should only be used for Club related football matters. Personal communications, 'banter' or personal comments should not be posted on the Club's social networking pages. Results should not be posted on any social media pages for age groups below U12s. Users should report any posts that they deem inappropriate or offensive. Users should not post any photographs of children/players without parental consent of all the children within the photographs. 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(s) to ensure that the Club's social networking pages are being used appropriately. The Administrator(s) is required to ensure the privacy settings are locked so 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.

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.