



Prestwich Cricket Club



E-Safety statement on Communication and Interactive Technologies

Prestwich Cricket Club supports the ECB approach to promoting the safe and responsible use of communication and interactive technologies within cricket. This policy covers fixed and mobile internet (PC's, laptops, webcams and digital video equipment, technology provided by the Club or where the Club has access to, personally owned devices and use by members including junior members, staff, volunteer helpers and guests on Club premises, during home and away matches, training sessions, on tour or within the context of cricket online).

All members and guests of the Club will:-

- Use their own communication and interactive devices in a safe, legal and responsible manner and ensure new technologies will also be used in a similar responsible manner.
- No communication device or service, including interactive communication services such as social networking may be used to bring the Club, its members or cricket into disrepute.
- No communication device or service including interactive services such as social networking may be used for inappropriate behaviour online within the context of cricket including the bullying or harassment of others in any form, defamation, obscene or abusive language, the up loading of material which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, illegal or shows nudity or is violent.
- Report any known misuses of communication and interactive technologies within the context of cricket in the areas quoted above that are in contravention of Club and ECB safeguarding policies and procedures. Any report of such misuse will be investigated according to the Club policy and procedures and may result in sanctions being enforced. Incidents of a serious nature may result in legal action being taken and where criminal activity has taken place a report will be made to the police.

The Club provides network access and all members and guests will:-

- Protect passwords and personal network logins and log off the network when leaving the web stations/devices unattended. Where available, security settings should be set on mobile devices. Any attempts to access, corrupt or destroy other users' data in any way using technology is unacceptable.

Club officers and appointed volunteers will:-

- Take responsibility for their 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 e-mail addresses, mobile phone numbers or social networking profiles of junior members (less than 18 years of age) or search for junior members on social networking services/search engines without prior consent of parents and in line with the Club's policy on the use of information including emergency situations.
- Not develop an online relationship with a young player with the intention of meeting them online to engage in sexual activity. Sexual exploitations, including grooming a child under the age of 16 for the purposes of meeting to engage in sexual activity is a serious criminal offence.
- Not view, possess, make or distribute sexual/indecent images of children. This is a serious criminal offence.

It is also the responsibility of Club Officers and appointed volunteers to encourage junior members to follow the **SMART** code of practice whilst engaged in the cricket environment.

SAFE Junior members to keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information including full name and e-mail address to people they do not really know.

MEETING up with someone who the junior member has only met on line can be dangerous and they should always seek their parent/guardian's permission and even then only when they can be present.

ACCEPTANCE of e-mails, IM messages or opening files from people, junior members don't know can be dangerous as they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

RELIABLE Someone online may be lying about who they are and information they provide on the internet may not be true. Check information and advice on other websites or in books or seek the advice of your team coach or the Club CWO.

TELL your parent/guardian or team coach or the Club CWO if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried or you or someone you know is being cyber bullied.

