



# Acceptable use statement for internet and social media

## Bedfordshire LTA

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## ACCEPTABLE USE STATEMENT FOR INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA USE

Bedfordshire LTA understand the importance of online communication for children's development. However we recognise that relevant safeguards need to be put in place to ensure children remain safe while online or using social media.

We ask that all parents/carers spend a few minutes to read through and discuss this statement with their child and then sign and return this form to the County Safeguarding Officer at Bedfordshire.

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet and social media at the club/county (and whilst involved in activities/trips organised by the club/county), including the content I access and how I conduct myself.
- I will not deliberately create, browse or access material that could be considered offensive, inappropriate or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material, I will report this to a member of staff (such as a member of the County/Club Management Committee, Coach or Team Captain). I understand that my electronic devices may need to be temporarily confiscated if I am found to have deliberately accessed such material.
- I will not use social media or the internet to send anyone data, images or other material which could be considered inappropriate, threatening, offensive, upsetting, bullying or illegal.
- I understand that I should only use the club/county official social media or website communication channels to contact them and should not seek out individual members of staff or coaches.
- I will ensure any messages I send to coaches, volunteers or other members of staff are about my tennis activity and nothing else.
- I understand that all my use of internet and social media is potentially visible to everyone and that any issues involving my behaviour online may be addressed by my coach or other staff or committee members at the club/county.
- I will not give out any of my personal information (such as name, age, address or telephone number online), or that of anyone else.
- I will not share my passwords with anyone else.
- I will not arrange to meet someone that I have met online unless accompanied by an authorised member of staff or parent/carer.

- I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe, and if they are not followed my parent/carer may be contacted.
- I will avoid using my mobile, tablet or any device during activities or after the agreed bedtime curfew as I understand that it will have an impact on my safety and my opportunity to learn and achieve.
- I am aware that if I am experiencing bullying behaviour or abuse online, I can contact Eva Hessey – County Safeguarding Officer on: 07736363649.
- I know I can contact Childline on 0800 11 11 if I have any worries about something I've seen or experienced online.

We have discussed this statement and .....(*Insert child's name*) agrees to support the safe use of the internet and social media at .....(*Insert name of club/county*).

Parent/carer name:	
Parents signature:	
Date:	
Child's name:	
Child's signature:	
Date:	